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## JAPANESE REPORTING SUCCESSES

### Strike on Chinese Flank at Tancheng

### GERMAN EXPERT NOW ALLEGEDLY DIRECTS CHINA'S DEFENDERS

Shanghai, Apr. 25.  
Heavy rains have impeded the movement of heavy Japanese artillery and motorised units, but they failed to stop the warfare on the 100-miles Shantung front, after a Japanese communique had claimed occupation of Tancheng, 15 miles north of the Lunghai railway and east of Pihshien.  
Unconformable foreign reports state that the German adviser, Herr von Faltenhausen, is in virtual command of the Chinese forces on the Lunghai railway, while General Shunu Shiroku, the noted tactician, has allegedly assumed command of all the Japanese troops north of the Yangtse.  
A Japanese spokesman refused to confirm or deny General Terauchi's recall. However, foreign military observers believe that it is "very possible."

With the Japanese artillery battering at the outskirts of Tancheng, Japanese reports state that Japanese planes are bombing Chinese forces retreating to Kiangsu, where they are drawing up new lines with Pihshien.  
—United Press.

### Tancheng's Capture Claimed

Continuing their steam-roller advance southward from Shantung, the Japanese officially claimed late last night the capture of the 2,000 year-old city of Tancheng, 40 miles south of Linyi. This would bring the Japanese within 12 miles north of the Lunghai railway.  
It is stated that the walled city of Tancheng was stormed at dawn yesterday morning, and that mopping up operations continued in the town all day.  
Occupation of the city was announced late in the evening.—Reuter.

### "Mopping Up" Proceeding

Peiping, April 25.  
A Japanese spokesman announced late yesterday that the Japanese had captured Tancheng, 30 miles south of Linyi, and 15 miles north of the Lunghai railway. The place was 30 miles east-north-east of Tancheng.  
He said that at dawn all the gates and the walls had been captured, and that mopping up operations "had almost been completed."—United Press.

### Japanese Flanking Movement Checked

Tancheng, Apr. 25.  
Continuous fierce assaults by the combined Japanese infantry, artillery and air forces throughout yesterday and the evening before failed to dislodge the Chinese positions running in a semi-circular line to the east and west of the Tientsin-Pukow railway.  
Abandoning hope of crushing the Iron-clad Chinese defences north of (Continued on Page 12.)

### Refugees Pour Into Peiping

Peiping, Apr. 25.  
Scores of refugees have poured into Peiping during the past two days, following a guerrilla attack on April 22 a few miles west of Mentoukou.  
The refugees report that fighting was serious until the Japanese garrison of 100 men was relieved by 200 men yesterday morning, when the guerrilla forces retired into the mountains.—United Press.

## Britain and France Marching Together

### TERRIBLE BATTLE LOSSES

Roads Choked With Chinese Wounded

Tancheng, Apr. 25.  
Japanese troops, attacking on the whole of the Linyi and Yihshien sector, have swung their heaviest units against General Yu Houeh-chung's "Sons of Manchuria" and against General Sun Lien-chung's troops along the railway.  
Shells are pounding back and forth between the mountains, and the artillery duels illuminate the night sky.  
The Chinese have withdrawn slightly and the Japanese are within eight miles of Tancheng. Artillery has destroyed the village which housed Chinese units.  
As the Chinese withdraw the Japanese infantry advanced. The Chinese infantry immediately closed and drew their long swords, whereupon the Japanese infantry retreated.  
All roads to Tancheng are choked full of wounded and trains to Tancheng are growing death houses.  
The Chinese attempted a luring defence to give the troops from the west an opportunity to close in, shut up and wipe out the Japanese force which is attempting to take Tancheng, but this failed in its full accomplishment.  
The Japanese are bringing reinforcements from Shanghai and Shansi, and not from Japan. This is dangerous and it may bring for them a very big surprise. Over 30 Chinese divisions are in Shantung, which presages the most important operation of the war to date.—United Press.

### "Backstairs Diplomacy" Suspected

Labour M. P. Warns Against Making "Deal" With Japan

London, April 24.  
The suggestion that "backstairs diplomacy" was going on in Britain over China was made by the Labour M.P., Mr. A. V. Alexander, former First Lord of the Admiralty, when presiding at a rally at Queen's Hall to-day to "celebrate the Chinese victories, and to call for an intensification of the boycott of Japanese goods."  
Mr. Alexander said they must watch very carefully any proposal to make any imperialist appeal on the lines of the Rome pact.  
"I have reason to know that a representative of the Japanese has approached continuously influential British circles during the last few months to impress us that we could work together with the Japanese for the future enrichment of both nations by the economic development of China, if only we would look in Japan's direction."  
"There must be no recognition of Manchukuo in return for any offer to share in the economic development of China," declared Mr. Alexander.  
A cable was read from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, which stated: "The war will be of a long duration. China must be victorious, or destroyed. If the latter, then destruction will come in time to the other democracies. The great expenditure on armaments to which Britain is committed could be well reduced if practical assistance was now accorded China to defeat the aggressor."—Reuter.

### BARON GOWRIE ADMIRES DUTCH

Amsterdam, Apr. 24.  
Baron Gowrie, Governor-General of Australia, arrived here to-day and is proceeding to London to-morrow in an interview, he expressed admiration for Dutch colonial work, and said that Australo-Dutch East Indian commercial relations were growing, and a still further expansion was expected in the interests of both countries.—Reuter.

### CHINESE "MOP UP"



In Tancheng, near which large-scale fighting is again going on, Chinese troops recently routed a strong Japanese force. Here are troops "mopping up" the area and even the high-speed camera only caught their movements as a blur as they dashed through shell-fire (smoking debris in foreground) to bomb the Japanese rear-guard.

## ANGLO-IRISH PACT HAS FAR-REACHING EFFECT ON PARTIES

London, Apr. 24.  
The signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement to-morrow will be an event of first-class historical importance. The agreement will not only remove many causes of Anglo-Eire disagreement and tension, but will have a far-reaching effect on trade, foreign relations and defence.  
It will end the annuity dispute and the Anglo-Eire economic war.

Irish produce will flow more freely into England on the same basis of taxation as Canadian and Australian produce. British goods will also enter the Irish market more freely, but not on such terms as to endanger the Irish policy of self-sufficiency.

While it is realised that Mr. De Valera will find it politically difficult to enter any formal defence commitments, that does not rule out the possibility of an informal arrangement under which Ireland would undertake her own defence.

The ending of the economic war will save the Irish exchequer over £2,000,000 a year, part of which will probably be used to reorganise Irish defences, while the British definitely will evacuate the three Irish forts now garrisoned by British troops.

### WAR TIME NAVAL BASES

Irish ports will be available as British naval air bases in war time.

The agreement will remove anti-British feeling among the Irish-Americans, and will immeasurably strengthen Mr. De Valera's position as a national leader. It will bring a far greater degree of unity to Irish politics as a result of the disappearance of the main bone of contention between the two principal parties.

Irish political circles emphasise that the next goal is removal of partition, which will make possible a comprehensive Anglo-Irish treaty of friendship.—Reuter Special.

## Canada Offers Aircraft To Great Britain

Ottawa, Apr. 24.  
Representatives of Canadian aircraft manufacturers visited the Deputy Minister of National Defence, and offered him the entire facilities of Canada for the Empire's needs.

They asked the Minister to convey offers to the British Air Ministry which is due to reach the United States in the coming week.—Reuter.

## JOINTLY DISCUSS EUROPE'S PROBLEM AND OWN ACTIONS

### Signs of Collaboration In Forthcoming Parley

London, Apr. 24.  
Principal subjects for discussion at the forthcoming Anglo-French talks in London, are likely to be, according to Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, firstly, the effect of the Anglo-Italian Agreement and the course of Franco-Italian discussions; secondly, recognition of Italian conquest of Abyssinia, which France is believed to favour, and the procedure to be adopted at next meeting of the League Council.

M. Joseph Avenol, Secretary-General of the League, arrived in London to-day to discuss this matter with Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Secretary on Tuesday.

## Irish Party Cheered By London Crowd

London, Apr. 24.  
Mr. Eamon De Valera received a tremendous ovation from about 1,000 Irishmen when he arrived at Euston Station this afternoon, for the signing of the pact to-morrow.  
He was welcomed by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald and Mr. Cecil Sykes, representing Mr. Neville Chamberlain.  
Mr. De Valera was accompanied by Mr. Sean MacEntee, Minister of Finance, Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Mr. James Ryan, Minister of Agriculture, and the High Commissioner, Dr. J. V. Doolan, who went to Liverpool to meet him.—Reuter.

## MINORITY DEMANDS APPROVED

German Newspapers Give Prominence To Henlein's Speech

Berlin, Apr. 24.  
"A final warning to Prague" is one newspaper's description of Herr Konrad Henlein's speech, which is given prominence in the press, but which hitherto, has not drawn any official comment. Herr Henlein puts the German minority's case to Czechoslovakia in no uncertain fashion.  
The Boersen Zeitung says the world must accustom itself to regard the Sudeten Germans as Nazis who are united to the faith of an entire German nation, like Germans elsewhere.

## MILITARY POLICE OFFICER ROBBED

Corporal Anderson, of the Military Police, yesterday visited the Civilian Police. Corporal Anderson came on business. He reported the robbery from his barrack-room at Mt. Austin Barracks of personal clothing to the value of \$50.  
Two other Europeans were victimised during the week-end. Mr. T. S. and Mrs. J. H. The Peak, reported that their premises were entered by unknown persons, who decamped with a watch and chain and other property to the value of \$100.  
Mr. Churchill, of No. 6 Bungalow, Shekko, reported the theft of a bathing costume.  
(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

## STOP PRESS

### JAPANESE RETREAT FROM WENHSIEN

Loyang, Apr. 25.  
Continual Chinese onslaughts forced the Japanese at Wenhsien, on the north bank of the Yellow River in northern Honan, to withdraw yesterday from the city. In the direction of Hsinyang and Tainghua. To the north of the city of Wenhsien is now completely in the hands of the Chinese again.  
Peace and order have been restored to Menghsien, west of Wenhsien, which was recaptured by the Chinese recently. The people who had vacated the town are returning in great numbers. The former magistrate has also returned to resume his duties. A search party is hunting traitors.  
The Japanese from Menghsien are moving in a northerly direction towards Hsinyang and are being closely pursued by the Chinese.  
The Chinese column which recaptured Tsiyuan, north-west of Menghsien a few days ago, is now advancing on Tainghua and Hsinyang.—Central News.



# SUM yourself UP.

IT'S the current craze, asking yourself searching questions. Mark this questionnaire honestly and you will learn a great many home truths. Such, for instance, as that poser under "Personality Points" about your laugh. For it is my firm belief that a pretty laugh is one of the greatest assets of charm.

If you were perfect you would be able to give yourself ten marks out of ten on every point. Not perfectly beautiful, that is, but perfectly endowed with beauty sense. Because beauty is very largely a question of attitude. Whether you really think about the right yinse to make dull hair gleam again; whether you use your hormone cream right down to the bottom of the jar; whether you remember your daily dozen as well as keeping a bright eye open for newer excitements!

So sum up and brace up! If you score anything over 120 marks you have beauty possibilities for Summer, 1936.

## TOYS for the tots

BABY, of course, puts everything, edible or otherwise, straight into his mouth if he gets a chance. Since you can't watch him every moment of the day, be careful to give him toys (1) that he can't swallow, (2) that won't poison him.

A good toy for him is a little animal made of brightly coloured beads, vegetable dyed and guaranteed not to chip. It has a cosy velvet head, and bells for toes which tinkle when it is touched. Price 3s. 11d.

FOR teething time, by far the best thing to present him with is a ring of ivory. It can't possibly hurt him, and it's soothing to the gums. The newest ones are sold in an hygienic cellophane box, with hand-painted lid. Price 4s. 6d.

and write yourself down

How Many Marks out of Ten for each of these Questions? A "Yes" means Ten marks, a "No" means none; and the in-betweens will set you thinking.

Face -----

Do I flatter its shape by clever make-up?  
Is my complexion smooth and flawless?  
Does my nose remain matt?  
Is my throat as young as my face?

Hair -----

Is it silky to touch?  
Do I take care to keep its colour?  
Have I tried a new style in the last six months?

Hands -----

Are they smooth and white?  
Do I use a nail-varnish that makes them look white?  
Are the cuticles irreproachable?

Figure -----

Do I hold myself well?  
Are my shoulders straight?  
Is my neckline in proportion?  
Do I study the back and side views, as well as the front?

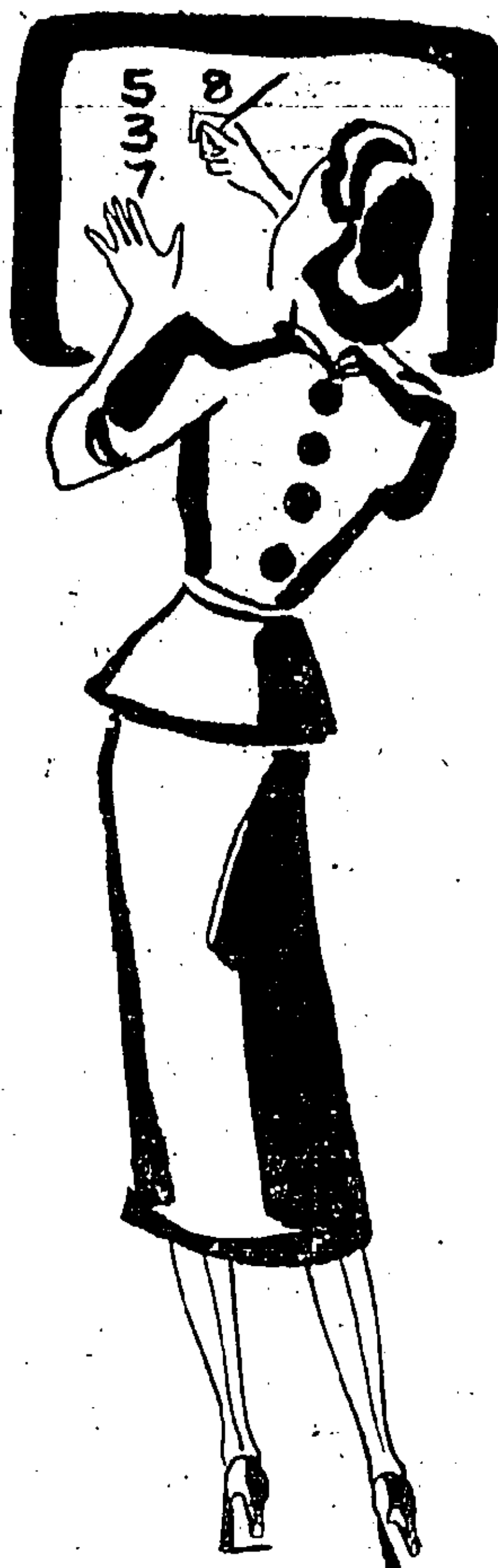
My Perfume -----

Have I chosen a perfume which I Love, and which, therefore, expresses me?  
Having chosen, do I use it consistently but not insistently?

Personality Points -----

Can I say "Thank you" and "No, thank you" with equal grace?  
Is my voice soft and pleasant?  
Can I accept a compliment charmingly?  
Am I as pleasant to cross old ladies as to charming young men?  
Can I keep a conversation gay without facetiousness?  
And serious without sentimentality?  
And, most important of all, reproach without making scenes?

Yes—Total ☐ No—Total ☐



insertions of brilliantly coloured lace, yellow, green, wine and royal blue.

ONE of the most amusing prints is the dark green foulard patterned with little bottles with a ship inside each bottle. This dress is piped in cyclamen pink.

Some of the afternoon coats have bunches of field flowers and ears of corn and wheat on the revers to match the same pattern printed on the crepe de Chine dress. Not only colours but materials are mixed. One suit has a black taffeta knife-pleated skirt worn with a bright blue chiffon blouse and heather pink tweed jacket.

FASHIONS launched by important houses include multi-coloured dresses and coats. A coat, half red and half blue, was worn over a black lace wool dress; a long evening taffeta coat in green, blue and yellow panels, with violet and green sleeves, was worn over a violet chiffon dress.

A chiffon dance frock of cyclamen and blue panels has a silver belt. A long flowing evening coat of chiffon in broad bands of blue, green and pink has a black crepe top and is worn over a black and white printed dress.

Another new fashion is little pink satin corsets laced down the front, worn over a full-skirted dance frock of white lace, with a gathered white lace bodice. Dog collars an inch wide of embossed gold and diamonds are worn with the more sophisticated frocks. Hats of stiffened tulle with turn-up saucer brims have bands of sequins to match the trimming of the dinner frocks with which they are worn.

## INDIVIDUAL SAVOURIES

THIS is an excellent dish for one person, or a number of these individual savouries can be made for the family.

Cut up some boiled onion, or any other left-over, cooked vegetable, season and line with it the bottom of individual, fireproof dishes which must first be greased. Sprinkle with a little grated horse-radish.

Cut up some bacon or some left-over cooked meat, and arrange a thin layer on the vegetable. Sprinkle with a little salt and pepper and more grated horse-radish. Next break an egg into each. Sprinkle this also with salt and pepper, but no horse-radish. Bake in the oven till egg sets. Remove from the oven, sprinkle with grated cheese, brown under the grill, and serve at once.

If you do not want to cook the savoury in an oven, fry the bacon or meat, and peach or boil the egg; arrange quickly, while hot in the dish, as described, then sprinkle with cheese, and grill. Anne Morne

## New Pastry Discoveries

IN order to make your pastry "distinctive," try the following new varieties—coconut shortcake pastry, orange or lemon pastry, and egg and cheese pastry.

Coconut shortcake crust has a delightful nutty flavour, and is suitable for any sweet filling.

Mix well together 8 ozs. flour, a good half-teaspoonful baking powder, a heaped teaspoonful castor sugar, and rub in till crumbly 4 ozs. margarine.

Add three tablespoonfuls finely desiccated coconut, and mix to a stiff, smooth paste with a little beaten egg and water. Roll out fairly thinly.

Line some patty-tins with pastry—prick a few holes in bottom, then add any desired filling. Bake in a moderate oven 20 minutes.

### ORANGE OR LEMON CRUST

This will blend splendidly with apple pie.

To 8 ozs. flour allow 5 ozs. margarine, 3/4 teaspoonful baking powder, 2 teaspoonfuls castor sugar, a good pinch ground ginger, a slight sprinkling of grated orange or lemon rind, and sufficient strained orange or lemon juice to bind the mixture. About 3 tablespoonfuls should be enough.

Mix all ingredients except the fruit juice and margarine. Then rub in margarine till the mixture is like fine breadcrumbs. Mix to a stiff paste with the fruit juice.

Cover your apple pie neatly, and bake in a moderate oven 16-20 minutes, till of a pale golden colour.

### EGG AND CHEESE PASTRY

This is particularly savoury. It is light and flaky—and is the perfect covering for sausage rolls. It also goes well with most meat and fish fillings.

The requirements are 12 ozs. flour, a heaped teaspoonful baking powder, pinch of salt and cayenne pepper, 8 ozs. margarine, a heaped tablespoonful finely grated cheese and 2 hard boiled eggs. The cheese should be dry—so that it grates smoothly—and the eggs must be chopped finely.

Mix flour, baking powder, pepper and salt, rub in 2 ozs. only of the margarine and add the grated cheese and chopped eggs. Mix to a stiff dough with cold water, roll into an oblong shape.

Place half the remaining margarine in small dabs on half the paste, fold over, and roll into an oblong shape once more. Repeat process with the remaining margarine.

### FOR SAUSAGE ROLLS

If you are making sausage rolls, roll into a long strip about 4 inches wide, place the skimmed sausage meat (which should be flattened slightly with the rolling pin) on to one half of the pastry, fold over other half, moisten edges with milk, press lightly together then cut pastry into 3-inch lengths.

This method of preparation saves the trouble of shaping each roll separately, and the sausage meat is spread more evenly over the pastry. This pastry requires a really quick oven, in order to make it rise well, and be delicately flaky.

Good fillings for the pastry are minced cooked ham well moistened with tomato pulp, or sliced cooked haddock moistened with mustard sauce.



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Circus Modes Include Clown Face Prints And Crumpled Top Hats: "Gaiter" Evening Gloves: Ascot Organdies: Paper Lace Trimmings.

Plain tailored suits in dark cloth are fastened with enormous chocolate, gum drops and every imaginable kind of sweet. Among the new hats are some tall and battered top hats in felt.

Favourite colours are tan, pervenche-blue, cyclamen, and all the deeper shades of pink, clear Chinese green, wine and heather mauves.

The plain skirts are topped by tight-fitting jackets of brightly coloured shepherd's plaid most intricately piped with a contrasting colour. Severely tailored jackets in

dark materials are worn with striped or checked surah dresses or printed crepe frocks. A black suit with a short jacket banded with insertions of lace has a black skirt and a black crepe de Chine shirt patterned with

### Seen at Paris Displays

White chiffon striped with black has wide scarlet belt.

Black straw bows decorate yellow suit.

Top of the black shantung is made of white "paper" lace.



HERE is an interesting revival in millinery—the scarf draped panama. Always a becoming form of headgear, it has a habit of reappearing in the hat salons from time to time. The model is in white panama and the veil at the back and scarf draped round the crown are in white crepe de Chine.

WHY be serious over a matter so brief and trivial as a summer dress? asks Schiaparelli, and she answers the question with her "circus" collection which is gay enough to rejoice the saddest heart.

Plain little suits with straight skirts and tight-fitting jackets are fastened with plumed horses' heads, clowns' faces and clowns wearing crumpled top-hats.

Graceful young men on the flying trapeze swing across the front of a tall straw hat, others swing around a necklace. Very bright blue crepe is printed with sad clown faces, pink crepe printed with black clowns and concertinas is used for another simple little frock, and a mauve satin bolero is embroidered with prancing white circus horses and worn with a black dress.

THE newest evening gloves are shaped like gaiters, and made of white or black satin, buttoned with different coloured boot buttons. They are worn with the more formal evening dresses.

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# BRITAIN PLANS BIGGER WARSHIPS

Empire Will Spend £123,000,000 On Navy In Current Year

## 139 VESSELS ARE ALREADY ON THE STOCKS

Westminster.  
IN the absence through illness of Mr. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. G. Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, introduced the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons this evening.

Mr. Shakespeare said that the total for which they asked for 1938 was £123,000,000 of which £30,000,000 was to come from issues from the Consolidated Fund under the Defence Loans Act.

This total of nearly £124,000,000 showed an increase compared with 1937 of £18,000,000.

The expenditure on new construction already authorised apart from the vessels to be ordered in 1938 was £41,500,000. The total number of ships in hand or to be ordered in the year was 139, exclusive of small craft.

### FIVE NEW CRUISERS

The tonnage in hand at present was 547,000, and of this amount delivery of not less than 150,000 tons was expected by March 1939. Or, put in terms of ships, they hoped by about the end of the financial year in March 1939 to have completed in the major classes of ships—

One aircraft carrier,  
Five 10,000-ton cruisers,  
Three flotillas of destroyers of eight each,  
Twelve submarines,  
Two submarine depot ships.

The new programme would be the subject of a Supplementary Estimate. Referring to the inquiry addressed to Japan by the United States, Britain, and France regarding the qualitative limits of the London Naval Treaty, of which Japan was not a signatory, Mr. Shakespeare said that up to the present no information had been supplied by Japan.

The question had been referred back to the individual Governments, and he was not, therefore, in a position to make an announcement as to the Government's intentions.

But it, for example, it was considered necessary to exceed the displacement of 35,000 tons laid down for capital ships, the House could rest assured that plans for so doing were well advanced. Mr. Shakespeare explained that no destroyers were included in the new 1938 programme, because "when we have placed an order for the last flotilla of eight destroyers this week, in completion of the programme for the current year, we shall have no fewer than 40 destroyers on the stocks."

Of the new Singapore base, for which £800,000 was required this year for the continuation of works, Mr. Shakespeare said:

"We now have in Singapore a base suited to our needs in that part of the world in any circumstances. The House will appreciate the difficulty in these days of laying down a specific standard, as was done in pre-war days. Our programme then was influenced by treaties of alliance and by a policy based on a balance of power."

"That has not been the case since the war. We have since then attempted to substitute a policy of collective security based on the League. No one can argue, unfortunately, that this policy, as such, is really effective to-day. We are still engaged in making up deficiencies of past years."

### AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

"Schemes for the recruitment, training, and employment of various classes of naval personnel which will in future be employed in the Fleet Air Arm have already been worked out."

"Arrangements are being made for a very close liaison with the Air Ministry, as permanent measure, in design, supply, research and the maintenance of material and the training of personnel. To this end proposals are under consideration to increase substantially the number of naval personnel at present serving in the Air Ministry."

There were at present in commission four aircraft carriers, and five new ones were being constructed. Moreover, it was the intention to fit all capital ships and larger cruisers with aircraft operated from catapults. Provision was made for an increase from a maximum strength of 112,000 in 1937 to a maximum strength of 119,000 for the Navy for 1938. This total was the highest since 1922.

The number of men enlisted in the current year constituted a record for peace-time. They looked like having, as near as may be, what they set out to achieve—an increase of 10,000 involving the recruitment of nearly 16,000 men and boys.

Mr. Shakespeare gave details of the scheme of marriage allowance announced for officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Under present regulations, he said, the lot of the married naval officer afloat, without private resources, was one of continual anxiety. They had consulted officers confidentially as to whether they would prefer a flat rate of marriage allowance or a scale of marriage allowances with additions for children. On the whole they preferred the latter course, and it had been adopted.

In future marriage allowance would be payable to the married officer at the age of 30, and was applicable to all officers up to the rank of captain in the Navy or up to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Marines.

A reduction of 2s. a day was to be made in the full pay of all officers of these ranks with the exception of the few lieutenants concerned.

Marriage allowance for a captain R.N. would be 5s. 6d. a day, and for other commissioned officers 4s. 6d. The allowances for children would be the same in all cases—2s. a day for the first child and 1s. a day for each subsequent child.

Upon none more than the warrant officers did the absence of a marriage allowance in the Navy press heavily. Warrant officers from the age of 25, and commissioned officers from warrant rank, would receive a marriage allowance of 3s. a day, with 1s. 6d. for the first child and 1s. for each subsequent child.

### MR. CHURCHILL'S FEARS

The lieutenant from warrant rank would receive 4s. 6d. a day, with 2s. 3d. a day for the first and 1s. a day for subsequent children.

As to cuts in standard rates, inherent in the scheme, the warrant officer would suffer no cut. The commissioned officer from warrant rank would be cut from 1s. 10d. to 8d., according to seniority, and the lieutenant from warrant rank would be cut 2s.

It was felt that the automatic system of promotion discouraged zeal. It would therefore be replaced by a system of promotion by selection. It was not intended that any officers fit for promotion should be passed over. The average age for promotion to lieutenant would be accelerated and the promotion of lieutenants from warrant rank would be increased.

From May 1 an extra 6d. a day would be paid to certain ratings and Royal Marines serving on special service engagements so as to equate their service with the scales of ratings on continuous service.

Mr. Churchill (Con., Epping), wartime First Lord of the Admiralty, said he had one or two criticisms to make, but they did not imply any want of confidence in the naval administration or of the Board of Admiralty, which he believed to be of the very highest quality. He hoped the promise which was made last year with regard to 16in. guns had been carried out, and that all plant was ready to construct them should it be necessary to move to that calibre. Otherwise a whole year might be lost.

He did not feel contented that the five battleships now being built at a cost of £40,000,000 would be armed with guns similar to those being put into contemporary vessels of all the great naval powers.

It appeared from what Mr. Shakespeare had said that the Admiralty were satisfied that they had enough destroyers. That was news to him. He thought they were a commodity of which we could never have enough if war began.

"When we consider that we should find Germany or Italy in possession of submarines numbered by the hundred, the number of destroyers we possess is far below the demands that could be made upon them for the security of convoys, for all purposes of reconnaissance."

He was far from contented with the type of cruisers now being built. The Southampton class of 9,000 tons, armed with 6in. guns, was hopelessly inferior to the 10,000-ton ships, with 6in. guns, now being constructed by Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United States.

### GIBRALTAR'S "PERIL"

He objected strongly to the taxpayers' money being taken to construct ships not capable of meeting their natural antagonists. We had been drawn into this by treaty engagements, but there were escape clauses by means of which we could by negotiation get relief.

"We know that in Germany there are five 10,000-ton cruisers with 8in. guns being built, and none of our ships of comparable class is within ten years of such ships. We have no ships capable of encountering them in single action. We should have the greatest difficulty, unless we build similar vessels, in coping with them."

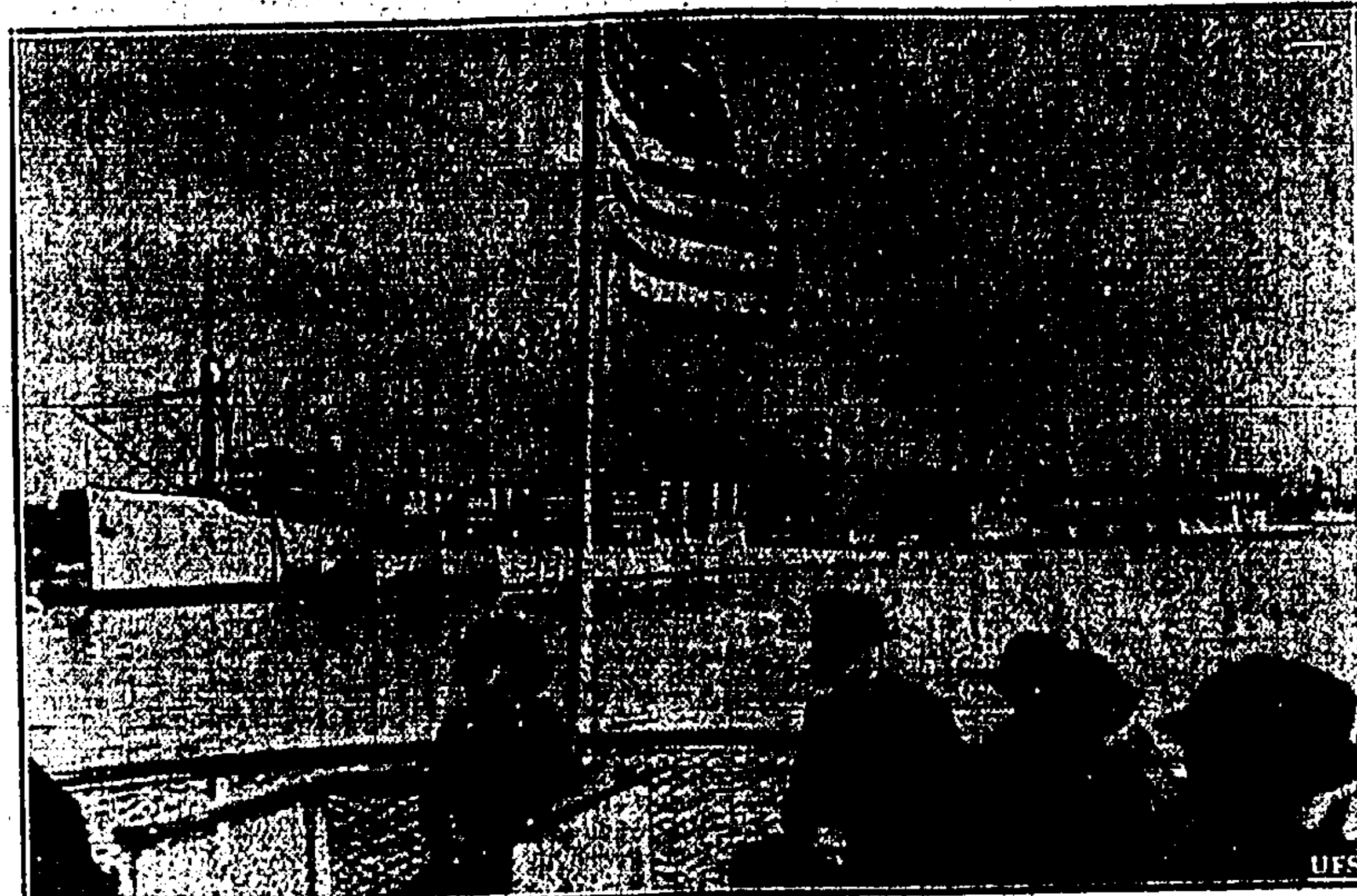
He entirely agreed as to the very serious strategic issues which were raised by the Italian fortification of the Mediterranean, which was proceeding ceaselessly. "Not only are there the dangers at Gibraltar of fire from land, not only the dangers at Malta as affected by massed air attack unless we have overwhelming anti-aircraft defence, but we have also to consider the very special measures that are being taken for the fortification of the island of Pampeluna, with the other object than to enable the Mediterranean to be cut in half by an Italian fleet."

"It is certainly not for our benefit that this labour is being undertaken. There are also the fortifications at Leris, another island. All these constitute processes which require an increasing vigilance of the British Admiralty and the nation. I have a sort of feeling that we are being sorted in from various directions."

### SIR ROGER KEYES

Sir Roger Keyes (Con., N. Portsmouth) said the issue of the "minutes" for the Committee of Defence

## AMERICAN PACIFIC FLEET GOES



A VIVID SIX-WEEKS DRAMA of war in the Pacific was portrayed last month by 3,600 officers and 55,000 men, aboard 150 surface ships and 500 fighting planes. It is reported the biggest movement in American naval history, covering manoeuvres from Alaska to Hawaii. Above, some of the ships prepare to leave San Diego, Cal.

## Scott-Paine Torpedo Boat Condemned

From PERCY CATER

Westminster.

ADMIRALTY inquiries will take place immediately into allegations made in the House of Commons tonight that engines of a type which had been bought for £5 to £10 had been fitted into Scott-Paine motor torpedo-boats of the British Navy.

Mr. Scott-Paine, it was added, had charged £3,800 for such engines.

It was also asserted that the Scott-Paine boats, which cost the British Navy £29,000 each, were obsolete before they were launched, and were "held in contempt in the Service."

Lt.-Cdr. Fletcher (Soc., Nun-eaton), who made the charges, said that motor torpedo-boats replaced coastal motor-boats after the war.

### "BOOSTING" THE BOATS

In 1937 articles began to appear in the Press "boosting" these motor torpedo-boats. The question of the boats introduced the name of Mr. Scott-Paine, who had at one time started an air service which he sold out to Imperial Airways, of which he became a director.

He then became sole owner of the British Power Boat Company. He got a contract from the R.A.F. which was never put out to tender. He also got a contract from Imperial Airways—of which he was a director—and again there was no competitive tender.

He approached the Admiralty three years ago, and got an order for a number of 72ft. motor torpedo-boats. Thornycrofts were at this time sending abroad boats doing 42 knots, service laden.

There was no one better qualified to carry it out. The First Lord (Mr. Duff Cooper) had neither the knowledge nor the experience to undertake such a tremendous task.

Col. J. J. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, replying to the debate, said the five new battleships now building would have 14in. guns.

If they attempted the change to 16in. guns there would be delay of between three and four years, because the turrets would take so long to manufacture.

Mr. Churchill had asked for an assurance that our essential security would not be imperilled, and if preliminary preparations were now being made, should it be necessary, to go ahead with 16in. guns for the two battleships which were projected in the White Paper which formed the basis of the Supplementary Estimate.

"I can give an unqualified assurance that we are going forward now with all the plans necessary, and will be ready should the time come, as we hope it will not."

Mr. Alexander (Soc., Hillborough) then some examination he made of the question of increasing the charge and improving the service of firing of the 14in. guns?

Col. Llewellyn: I am told that the charge is satisfactory, and that our naval authorities are fully satisfied that the 14in. guns we have got are fully efficient and in fact may well be quite as efficient as 16in. guns, which may not be manned as well as by our own sailors.

Germany was the only country building the cruisers with 8in. guns, and she had agreed to build only three. We had 15 of them. There was no reason to suppose that Japan was building them. Mr. Alexander: amendment to reduce the vote was defeated by 225 to 115.

ENGINE MONOPOLY  
Having got this order he found he could not get any 500-horse-power marine engines, so he got a monopoly of all 500-horse-power Napier Lion engines. Napier had long ago given up the manufacture of these, but the R.A.F. had a lot not used. Mr. Scott-Paine adapted these engines for marine work, but they were quite unsuitable.

Three were fitted in each boat, and he (Lieut.-Commander Fletcher) could say from conversations with a marine officer that these engines gave trouble. Was the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty prepared to say that the Admiralty had had considerable satisfactory reports from other engineering officers in respect of these boats?

A flotilla of these boats had gone to the Mediterranean, and the Commander-in-Chief ordered them to proceed at 30 knots and attack a rendezvous 200 miles distant. They never arrived. The flotilla ran out of petrol.

The alleged speed of the boats was 40 knots, but they could not do 200 miles at 30 knots. He believed that fully loaded their maximum speed was 33½ knots. In February 1938, the comparable Italian boats ran nine hours at 45 knots, service loaded.

### A FURTHER ORDER

Mr. Scott-Paine had just received an order for nine more of the boats which failed when tried out in the Mediterranean. He enjoyed a virtual monopoly from the R.A.F., Imperial Airways, and the Admiralty.

Had the Admiralty costing department investigated the price of these boats? Scott-Paine boats were a byword in the boat-building trade—could the House be told what was the exact purpose for which these boats were ordered, and why were there no competitive tenders? There had been no tenders put out since 1935.

The most serious part of the business was the Napier Lion engines. He could produce evidence from an individual that these engines had been bought for from £5 to £10, and yet Mr. Scott-Paine had been charging £3,800 for these engines. Nine of these boats were ordered in February 1938, although the Vespene boat came out in May 1937. They were obsolete before they were delivered; £29,000 was paid for each of these obsolete boats; they were held in contempt in the Service, and the destroyer crews said they could run them down with their bows without opening fire.

In June the British Power Boat Company introduced what could only be described as a very inferior Vespene works. The police thought it was the work of a foreign country. They intercepted telephone messages, and one message was "What about the boat?"

## Shrapnel In His Heart 20 Years

Brighton.  
Frank Verrall, ex-private of the 8th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, read to-day the story of Marcel Ballout, French airman, claimed to be the only man to live twenty years with a wartime bullet in his heart—and smiled.

To all his friends Frank Verrall, forty-one to-morrow, looks the picture of health. Unknown to them his life is a day-to-day miracle.

In May 1918 Frank was struck by a piece of shrapnel and taken to hospital. At Rouen it was discovered that the shrapnel, nearly as large as a shilling, had lodged in his heart.

Frank, who now lives at Burgess Hill, near Brighton, said to-day: "Doctor after doctor saw me, I became a sort of medical show-piece."

"I was told that the shrapnel would kill me, but here I am feeling all right after twenty years. I am married. I have three children and to keep them I go to work as a brick-layer, though I am told to avoid exertion."

These facts were reported by the police to the Admiralty, and "the gentleman so called" who was engineering this business was interviewed at the Admiralty.

He (Lt.-Cdr. Fletcher) would like to know why the man was not prosecuted. The circumstances attending the contract for the boats were certainly unsatisfactory. All the facts would be placed at the disposal of the Admiralty who, he hoped, would go into the matter drastically.

"QUITE GOOD BOATS"  
Col. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, who, with Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary, was deputising for Mr. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, who is ill, undertook, after hearing the speech, that if the evidence was given to him as Commander Fletcher promised, he would go fully into the matter at the Admiralty.

He hoped they would be able to dispose of it, but if it could not be disposed of the necessary action would be taken.

"These boats, as a matter of fact," he said, "were not as bad as Commander Fletcher has made out. They were quite good. They went out to the Mediterranean under their own power."

"They were bought and ordered quickly during the Italo-Abyssinian War and, with regard to Scott-Paine, at the time they were the only firm that was making such boats. Vosper has since produced a boat and an experimental one which we have bought for the Admiralty."

MR. ALEXANDER'S DEMAND  
Mr. Alexander, a former Socialist First Lord of the Admiralty, said: "I am very concerned about this case," and added that he had had correspondence on it privately with the First Lord.

"In view of the charges made," he said, "I think it essential that they should be publicly repudiated if they are not true, and if you are not able to give a full explanation I think there ought to be a very full and detailed inquiry."

Col. Llewellyn said he quite realised that there were a lot of detailed points. "Mr. Alexander will realise," he stated, "that it is impossible for me to go into them and give a reply to-night, and rather than give such a reply, I thought it was better to give the undertaking that I have given. We will certainly by some method make public the result of the inquiry that we will undertake at the Admiralty."



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Japanese Attack

Macao, Apr. 24.  
Aeroplane bombed and sank two towboats last night which were en route to Macao from Hongkong. The plane was seen by a hundred people. Eleven wounded persons and 34 other survivors reached Macao today.—Our Own Correspondent.

## STORY OF ATTACK

Macao, Apr. 24.  
Reports reached Macao to the effect that over a hundred passengers and crew of two of the Kongmoon-Macao towboats had been killed or drowned yesterday afternoon when the boats were attacked by Japanese aeroplanes, only 10 or 15 miles north-west of Macao.

Information was difficult to obtain at first, but it has been established that the loss of life was not so great as was at first feared and that only one, and not two, of the towboats had been bombed, but the launch of the tow service had also been bombed and destroyed as well as the towboat.

Only two Japanese planes took part in the attack on the passenger boat, but from an early hour they seemed to be on the lookout for their prey. They appeared on four different occasions during the day, and were seen first at 10 a.m. and again at about noon, once more shortly after 3 p.m. and finally at 5.30 p.m. The planes were seen on each occasion by observers in Macao, and twice appeared to be pretty close to the Portuguese colony, hovering over the waterways that lead from the Nemesis Passage to the Inner Harbour of Macao. These channels are also those that flow past Chinshan, where the Customs hulk was bombed and sunk by Japanese planes on Sunday, April 17.

On the last occasion when the planes were sighted from Macao yesterday they were seen to hover over the northern part of Lappa Island, west of Chinshan, and they flew off towards the Nemesis Passage, and shortly afterwards the sounds of bombs exploding were heard.

Survivors tell of the attack by the Japanese planes, which were seen in the air, and of the manner in which bombs were dropped and how the Japanese opened fire with machine-guns on the passengers and the crew.

## THROWN INTO WATER

When the planes were first seen the towboat was just leaving the

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Hongkong, 13th April, 1938.

Customs anchorage at Sheung Ma Koi, on the final stage of the trip to Macao, from Hongkong, and as the planes seemed to be heading straight for the boat it was feared that the boat would be attacked. The first of the planes swooped down on the defenceless boat and the airman raked the crowded boat with their machine-guns, and from a very low height let go the first bomb, which struck the towboat. Men, women, and children were thrown into the water, and there was a general scramble to get off the towboat, everybody jumped into the water, some seizing objects that might help in keeping them afloat.

Then came the second plane, and as it swooped down, the airman again fired with their machine-guns on the terrified people in the water, wounding not a few. A second bomb was dropped, all adding to the terror and confusion, while fragments of the boat were scattered about in the water.

The planes came again and again, dropping bombs and firing on the desperate, terrified people in the water. One bomb struck the launch, which was soon a mass of flames. Among the desperate men, women and children in the water there were not a few acts of heroism as those who were able to swim assisted their less fortunate companions, amidst all the confusion and havoc wrought by the Japanese aeroplanes. About 50 persons managed to get ashore, nine of them wounded by bullets from machine-gun fire.

As soon as the news reached Macao of the sinking of the towboat, the s.s. Kwong Wing (Capt. Mesquita) of the Kongmoon-Macao service was sent out to look for survivors, and managed to pick up five persons at Sheung Ma Koi, four of them rather seriously wounded. These were brought back to the Portuguese colony and were removed to the Macao Government Hospital in the early hours of this morning.

## WALKED ALL NIGHT

Of the other survivors about 43 reached Chinshan, the little market town five miles north of Macao, by walking all night from Sheung Ma Koi, which is 15 miles north-west of Macao, but the journey overland is very much longer. Nine of these

## Snow White and the Dwarfs Inspire a Sermon



A world that thought itself in love with sophistication has suddenly turned to the simple wholesomeness of movie entertainment. Dr. Christian F. Reiser, pastor of Broadway Temple Methodist Episcopal Church, told his audience in a recent special Sunday evening sermon devoted to the Walt Disney picture, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," which has had a phenomenal five weeks' run in New York's largest theatre.

This talk of this RKO Radio Picture was preceded with a playlet by a group of children, and by slides of scenes from the film. The playlet, devised by Edward J. Hayes, who has had charge of the Broadway Temple's church plays since 1930, took in the highlights of the action, from the jealousy of the queen through the friendship of Snow White and the dwarfs, to the arrival of the prince to break the enchanted sleep of the princess.

"It is a good sign when more than a half million persons in this one city of New York flock to 'Snow White'," Dr. Reiser declared. "It shows that when something that is great in its simplicity, and simple in its greatness arrives, there is an audience for it. I spoke to mothers and young people in the lobby of the Music Hall, after I saw the picture—which I mean to see at least half a dozen times. All of them agreed that it was the finest picture they had ever seen."

"Just several blocks away on Broadway there are plays running which are debasing in their appeal. But 'Snow White' is the triumph of all the principles for which the church has fought. It glorified happiness, simplicity, goodness, and dramatized both vice and virtue as no other drama has done since the days of the Morality Plays in the Middle Ages."

FILIPINO PRESS  
PARTY VISITS  
CHINA CITIES

Changsha, April 25.  
Filipino war correspondents, who arrived in Canton recently from Manila, via Hongkong, reached Changsha by the Canton-Hankow railway, after which they were the guests of honour at a reception given by General Chang Chih-chung, chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government.

After inspecting Changsha, the party proceeded to Hankow, and on Tuesday will seek an interview with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.—United Press.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE  
MARCHING TOGETHER

(Continued from Page 1.)

explain the measures which the French Government will take to implement the Franco-Czech pact if necessary, and he will probably be informed of the policy the British Government at present intends to follow.

## Breathing Space

There is reason to believe that Herr Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten Deutsche Party, will not be called on by Germany to press his claims to the extreme at the present, and a breathing space for a few months at least may ensue in that part of Europe.

There are indications that the Franco-Soviet Pact may be alluded to in the course of the talks. In the interests of appeasement, France may be asked to make as little play as possible with the pact in the course of the forthcoming diplomatic action. On the other hand, there is no question of France being asked to renounce the pact.—Reuter.

who reached Chinshan were suffering from bullet wounds from the machine-gun fire; they were helped by their companions, but one man died immediately after arriving at Chinshan, and of the others two or three are not expected to live. It is said that the other survivors are on their way to Macao.

It is feared that other attacks will be made by the Japanese on the defended boats and villages, though the Japanese were not seen in the district after the attack and sinking of the Customs hulk near Chinshan last Sunday, and no warships were reported to be in the waters at the mouth of the Canton River after Tuesday last. But several warships were seen again to-day, and fear is felt that there will be a renewal of activity by Japanese aeroplanes as soon as the weather improves.—Our Own Correspondent.

## HONGKONG JUNK SEIZED

Japanese Capture Vessel  
Near Colony Waters

Operating near Hongkong waters, Japanese blockaders have seized another fishing junk registered in this Colony. Seizure was made three miles west of Tungku.

In a report to the Police on Saturday morning, Chan Ko, master of the junk, reported that a motor-boat from a Japanese destroyer made the capture. The crew of the junk decamped in a sampan when they noticed the motor-boat approaching, and from a distance witnessed the Japanese towing the junk to the wharf.

The junk was valued at \$1,800.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ITALIAN BROADCAST  
IN ENGLISH

To the Editor,  
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I shall feel much obliged if you will kindly bring to the notice of your readers the following information:

A news bulletin in English is broadcast from Italy daily (since April 18) from short wave station 2-RO on a wave length of m.25.4 and from medium wave station Roma 2 on a wavelength of m.200.

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The Italian Consulate General will be pleased to receive information on the reception.

R. Italian Consul General.  
G. PAGANO DI MELITO.

## The Rents Commission

Sir,—The Government's acceptance of the Commission's findings and its recommendations is a natural corollary of the appointment of the Commission. In the absence of a full-dress debate by the Legislative Council on the report there is the implication of unofficial acquiescence in the official attitude. This meek and mild "Aye" in answer to the question "Those in favour say: 'Aye'" is difficult of understanding, unless it be that the unofficial members of Council are unanimously in favour of the Commission's reasoning to the total exclusion of the tenants' case.

The Constitution of the Colony does not permit of sectional or geographical representation on the Council. The objections to the former mode of representation are age-worn and threadbare. No purpose will be achieved in a discussion of the question at the moment, but the rents issue serves to demonstrate, as at no time has been demonstrated before, within my recollection, the defects of a system which perpetuates taxation without representation.

Hong Kong's revenue for 1938 has been budgeted at \$30,254,020. Its receipts from assessed taxes are estimated to yield \$8,000,000 exclusive of the New Territories; they are expected to amount to much more. Yet the people who pay the larger share of this colossal contribution must be content without a voice of protest in the councils of Government when their interests are so vitally affected as in the present rents discussion.

This rambling thought occurs by the way. The paramount note at this juncture is to elucidate how the balance of immigration and emigration figures is going to help victimized tenants.

If it is seriously contended that the police figures are going to help, then the least that can be said is that Government makes admission of its own error in abandoning the once authorized weekly publication of statistics of immigration and emigration.

I have written advisedly, since I do not admit that the numbers of incoming and outgoing inhabitants of the Colony are going to be of any material assistance towards a solution of the pressing problem of excessive rents.

The force of this argument is easily demonstrated. Since the publication of the Commission's report many permanent residents have received eviction orders. These legal notices to quit have in some cases been given after the helpless submission by tenants to exorbitant increases in

rent. Let it be assumed that the immigration figures have been static, or even, for the Government's stronger argument, that emigration has exceeded immigration. What, therefore, are the official figures going to prove? Do they establish any ground for reduction in rents? They should but they do not. Meanwhile it is known for a fact that rents have very much so. How then is Government going to disprove incontrovertible facts?

The community remains in blissful ignorance of the palliative for eviction without alternative accommodation. Coincidentally, the taxpayers are informed by another Commission that the maxima of rent payable by Government employees should not exceed 6% and 15%, respectively, of salaries, according to class. Who will say that there is no difference between fish and fowl? 50% of wages paid for rent in certain cases is insufficient for speculative landlords who squeal for 8% interest before sympathetic high-placed listeners.

An Ice House Street gambler can be told that he deserves "to pay and give" for his hazardous speculation. A gambler in property buying at the peak of the boom on borrowed money can virtuously claim his 8% on the pretext that his was not a gamble but a genuine investment.

There are a few local companies whose share prices were once quoted at \$120, \$210, \$45, and \$40. Buyers at these rates bought their shares in the halcyon days of Hongkong, before the serious strike and boycott of 1925. At 8% the Companies should pay out in dividends to-day \$9.60, \$16.80, \$3.60, and \$3.20, respectively. Shareholders have actually received on the basis of last year's earnings: \$2, \$8.50, \$0.90, and \$1.25. In the case of one Company four of the old shares have shrunk to one of the new on capital reorganization, through no fault of the management or the Directorate. Bad trade is the explanation for the heavy depreciation.

Can the evidence that so greatly impressed the Commission be held out as a cogent argument why 8% should be insisted on as the least distributable dividend? Unless it can be substantiated, the validity of landlords' minimum expectation of a rate of interest perforce falls to the ground.

Up to this point these comments have been mainly critical. A feasible suggestion might, however, be permitted. Even though it offers no implementation of the Commission's recommendations it might go some way towards assisting tenants and at the same time it should curb any repugnant tendency on the part of certain landlords. The suggestion I have in mind is that a Cadet officer with at least one assistant be seconded to a department of Government created for the purpose of receiving complaints from tenants for full investigation. In this manner the Government should be provided with the necessary machinery for immediate protective legislation, if it should be found, as I am firmly convinced it will, that remedial measures are urgently called for.

Certain glaring cases of extortion of recent date have been brought to my notice. Here are a few—

1. Upon receipt of a notice to quit, the offer by the tenant to pay an increase in rent from \$20 to \$120. Not accepted.
2. do do do \$20 to \$110.
3. The raising of the rent from \$12 to \$18.
4. do do do \$5 to \$15.
5. do do do \$5 to \$10.
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As time goes on this list might be added to ad infinitum.

J. P. BRAGA.

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Amoy	Tjisaroca	May 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 8th April)	Pres. Coolidge	May 2.
Straits	Cremor	May 3.
U.S.A., Canada and Japan (Seattle date, 13th April)	Pres. Jackson	May 3.
Shanghai	Sardapan	May 3.
Japan	Hawli Maru	May 4.
Java	Tjibadak	May 4.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 16th April)	Emp. of Russia	May 5.
Japan	Santhia	May 5.
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Kongmoon	On Lee	Tues., Apr. 26, 10.00 a.m.
Tientsin	Hekiang	Tues., Apr. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Hekiang	Tues., Apr. 26, 2 p.m.
Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kulsang	Tues., Apr. 26, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
Amoy and Foochow (via Amoy)	Taiyuan	Wed., Apr. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Felix Roussel	Wed., Apr. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Halphong	Canton	Wed., Apr. 27, 2 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 5th May	K.P.O. Reg.	Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O. Reg.	Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O. Reg.	Apr. 28, 6 a.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai and Japan	Chitral	Thurs., Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Kanchow	Thurs., Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th May	G. P. O. & K. P. O. Reg.	Apr. 28, 3.45 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O. Reg.	Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O. Reg.	Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 18th May and Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Canada	Thurs., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg.	Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 29, 0.15 a.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 29, 10 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "K.L.M." Airways Service—due Amsterdam 10th May	G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg.	Apr. 30, 0.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 30, 10 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhol and Halphong	Soochow	Sat., Apr. 30, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Hoihow	Sun., May 1, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kiangsu	Sun., May 1, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Tientsin	Chang On	Mon., May 2, 12.30 p.m.
Wednesday		
Sandakan	Tai Seun Hong	Wed., May 4, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Japan, Canada and U.S.A.—due Victoria B.C., 20th May	Pres. Jackson	Wed., May 4, 2.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Thurs., May 5, 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America, Canada and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 23rd May and Europe via Siberia	G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg.	May 5, 1 p.m.
	Reg.	May 5, 1.45 p.m.
	Reg.	May 5, 3.30 p.m.

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## SUDETEN GERMANS ADAMANT

Autonomy Appears  
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**Demands Shock  
Czechs**

Prague, Apr. 23.—Dr. Edouard Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, in an interview, asked the Chairman of the National Council to collaborate with him for the pacification of the nationalities in Czechoslovakia. Dr. Benes, Chief of the Sudeten German Party, speaking at the Party's annual rally at Karlsbad, referred to Czech penetration of German districts in the past 20 years. He added that narrow-minded nationalism by the Czechs could only lead to war. A friendly understanding between the Sudeten Germans and the Czechs was impossible so long as the Czechs retained their traditional national imperialism.—*Reuter*.

### EUROPE'S VOLCANO

London, April 24.—Europe's dormant volcano, Czechoslovakia, is expected to reveal its real potentiality in the next few days, and probably will powerfully affect, not only the Anglo-French talks which begin when Mr. Edouard Benes arrives in London on Thursday, but the prospects of extending the Anglo-Italian rapprochement to Germany.

The Sudeten German Congress at Karlsbad has given the issue intense vitality. The main demand at the conference will be autonomy, not merely for the creation of a single large German province but German control of the councils wherever a German majority exists, and two entirely different councils Czech and German, in mixed districts. The new Minorities Statute will be the most important legislation at the opening of Parliament on Tuesday, but the German reception of such legislation will be lukewarm. The speech which Herr Henlein is to make to-day is eagerly awaited as promising the definite shape of the Party's demands.

**GERMANS EXPECT VICTORY**  
A Berlin message declares that now that Austria is merged with the Reich and German expectations are directed towards Czechoslovakia, the average German is quite confident that the Fuehrer will settle the matter in Germany's favour. It is pointed out that the Sudeten Germans have been treated as a minority and demand extensive powers of self-government in a fairly large part of the country. As thereby they might in time become practically independent of Prague, Czechs are fearful of the wedge which might first disrupt and then destroy the country.

An official spokesman interviewed by *Reuter* denied that there was any comparison between Austria and Czechoslovakia. He emphasised that German troops marched into Austria because they had been invited by the Austrian Chancellor. It is noteworthy, however, that if the Sudeten Germans are granted local autonomy, the leader thereof might request German help in the event of a dispute with the Czech Government.

The Czech Foreign Minister, Dr. Kamil Krofta, has pleased many Germans by his eagerness to find a solution to the problem, except the references to the Sudeten "minority."—*United Press*.

### EIGHT DEMANDS

Carlsbad, Apr. 24.—Declaring that the policy of the Sudeten Germans was inspired by the principle of ideas of National Socialism, the leader, Herr Henlein, in an aggressive speech at the Party

## RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

Diva ("Norma"—Act 1—Romani-Bellini)... Ina Souez (Soprano) Orch. cond. by John Barbirolli; Recitativo—Armonia ("Tosca"—Act 1—Allica and Giacomini—Puccini)... Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with Symphony Orchestra.

9.05 Light Orchestra: Napoléon (Tarentelle—Mezzacapo); Chant de Sirene (Cecile Chanson); Italiane—J. Volpatti (Junior)... The Trailing Arbutus (Friedman)... Columbia Concert Orchestra; Sago-bow-walker—Volckallied; Rheinischer Karneval—Fantasio; Eddie Saxon and His German Orch.; Dream of Autumn (Joyce); Choristers' Waltz (Phelps)... London Novelty Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News, 9.50 Songs by Hubert Eisdell (Tenor). Two Tired Old Eyes (P. Kenyon and J. H. Squire); Always As I Close My Eyes (Randfield-Jones and E. Karneval); Thinkin' Of Mary (Ashby and T. C. Sternale Bennett).

10.00 London Relay—In Town To-Night. 10.30 Latest Dance Music: Fox-Trots—Ostrich; Trumbauer and His Orchestra; Silver Sails On (Woody Waters); On The Bridge Of Signs—Ronnie Munro and His Orch. with vocal refrain; Waltz—The Waltz Lives On (From "Big Broadcast of 1938"); Fox-Trot—You Took The Words Right Out Of My Heart (From "Big Broadcast of 1938").

Henry Jacques (Britain's Champion Dancer of 1934-35) and His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Little Heaven Of The Seven Seas; Hawaiian Hospitality (From "Thymian In The Clouds"); Ronnie Munro and His Orch.; George Scott-Wood and His Accordion Band with vocal refrain.

11.0 Close Down.

Congress here, said: "If Czech statesmen want to reach a permanent understanding with us Germans and the German Reich, they will have to fulfill our demand for complete revision of Czech foreign policy which has hitherto ranked Czechoslovakia among the enemies of the German people."

Herr Henlein made the following demands on behalf of his 2,500,000 followers:

1. Full equality of status between Czechs and Germans; guarantee thereof by recognition of the Sudeten Germans as a legal entity;
2. Determination and legal recognition of German regions within Czechoslovakia;
3. Full autonomy in these regions;
4. Legal protection for every citizen living outside the region of his own nationality;
5. Removal of injustices inflicted on the Sudeten Germans since 1918 and reparations therefor;
6. Recognition of the principle of German officials for German regions;
7. Full liberty to profess German nationality and political philosophy.

### BROKEN PROMISES

Herr Henlein began his speech by declaring that the attempt to avoid a fundamental solution of the Sudeten German question by the so-called minority statute had failed from the beginning.

He said that during 20 years of oppression the Czechs had done "nothing to win us to the idea of a Czechoslovak state into which we were forced against our will."

He accused successive Czech Governments of breaking their promises and evading their duties as defined by treaty.

He concluded by saying: "We do not want war within or without but we cannot any longer allow a situation to continue which means for us open war amidst formal peace."

Herr Henlein's announcement has come as a profound shock and demands went far beyond anything expected.—*Reuter*.

## FIRE IN MAILS

Outbreak On Coast  
Steamer In H.K.

The third mail fire in eight days to happen in the Colony broke out on board the China Navigation Company's steamer Kwangtung just as she was about to leave for Hongkong, Peking and Hainan yesterday afternoon.

The fire was discovered shortly after three o'clock, and the large number of Chinese passengers on board began to panic. The ship's officers immediately mustered the crew and quickly played hoses on the burning mail.

The fire was already under control by the time two fire boats, under Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, arrived. The firemen speedily completed the job and men and mail were dragged up on deck, to be sorted out.

It is believed that the fire originated among the mail, and, though proper care has not yet been made, over a hundred sacks are thought to have been damaged. It is feared that ten have been destroyed.

Thirty or 40 cases of firecrackers had been stowed near the mail bags, and the fire was put out before it reached them.

The Post Office being closed yesterday it was impossible to discover whence this mail came. A theory was that it was from Shanghai, in connection with the French air service. Late yesterday evening the Kwangtung had not sailed.

## Stevedore Murdered In Yaumati

Head Stevedore Of  
Chinese Firm  
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A murder, the motive for which is alleged to be the deceased's "raucous" activities against his own country, was committed in a heroin den at Yaumati early yesterday morning, when the head stevedore of the Canton Road, was shot dead by an unknown assailant. To Cheung-shing, 44, was, in the habit of visiting an address in Woosung Street, the rear part of which was used as a heroin den. This fact was apparently known to the murderer, for he waylaid the man at about 2.15 a.m. yesterday, and was walking along the passage-way leading to it, when three shots were fired at him, one of which struck him in the stomach. When help arrived, the murderer fled.

To was unconscious. He was sent to the Kowloon Hospital, and had police had been informed, and had arrived on the scene. He died ten minutes after admission to hospital. Police investigations revealed that the bullet was of .38 calibre. Wai Kee and Company, it is understood, contract stevedores for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, Ltd., the well-known Japanese shipping firm, and To was the head stevedore for the firm.

A reward of \$500 is being offered by the police for information leading to the arrest of the murderer.

### SHANTUNG CARNAGE

Hsuehchow, Apr. 24.—Shangchow, a village north of Tai-chow, has been razed by the Japanese with fire. Some 400 peasants at Ssueh-chow and Tschichow, villages in the neighbourhood, have been slaughtered.—*Central News*.

## Chinese Merchant Fleet In U.S. Hands

Court Reveals  
Old Contract

Shanghai, Apr. 23.—Following proceedings in the United States Court in China, which Mr. William Hunt claimed that the \$70,000,000 China Merchants Steamship Company has been actually owned by him for over a year, the Court gave its verdict in effect recognising Mr. Hunt's ownership.

The decision is regarded as one of the most significant in recent years due to the Japanese occupation of such of the former China Merchants Steamship Company's property, which the United States now recognises as American, rather than Chinese property. It also introduces the possibility of American claims against China, due to the fact that numerous China Merchants ships were sunk to make the Chinese river booms.

Mr. Hunt based his claim of ownership upon his \$25,000,000 loan to the China Merchants in May 1936 and March 1937, whereof, it is alleged, the China Merchants "sold" and gave Mr. Hunt all their assets, including property and direct power to manage and direct the Company's affairs.

The Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, Mr. Cornell Franklin, who was one of Mr. Hunt's attorneys, told the Court that in the first fiscal year under Mr. Hunt's management the China Merchants management had amounted to net operating profit previously there was only continual mounting deficits.

### PLAN OF EXPANSION

Mr. Hunt's attorneys told the Court that Mr. Hunt planned widespread expansion prior to the hostilities, including new steamship lines, improved grain elevators, wharves and godowns as well as fifteen stores \$4,500,000 office building on Fochow Road and the Bund. The attorneys said that at the time of the outbreak of the war Mr. Hunt was constructing seven vessels and cargo lighters, valued at \$4,500,000, while he was negotiating for further ship purchases abroad.

It was said that Mr. Hunt introduced overseas ocean transportation through allied Hunt interests, the China Foreign Steamship Corporation, who are also agents for the Company, operating the United States Government owned Maritime Commission, the American Pioneer Line, William Smith and Sons and sundry other American, British and European steam tramp and steamship lines.

### WHARFING FACILITIES

It is noteworthy that the Court's decision is American shipping for the first time in Shanghai's history on a highly competitive basis, with its berthing facilities, due to the fact that it will permit American ships to berth on the Shanghai side of the Whangpoo River, where the British and other shipping companies previously squeezed out the American ships due to their monopoly of the wharfing facilities.

The decision of the Court also restored the China Merchants to its position of birth, since the China Merchants is an outgrowth of the American Russia and Company, which sold out to the Chinese late in the 19th Century. It is noteworthy that the Russians are related to President

Roosevelt. Therefore Mr. William Hunt recently resumed the "Khalo Wharf" "Roosevelt Terminal."

### FEWER SHIPS RUNNING

Prior to the hostilities the China Merchants operated 27 vessels, totaling 62,000 dead-weight tons, plus an additional number of chartered vessels. However, at present only twelve or fourteen vessels remain, due to the fact that others have been used in the Chinese booms. The Company has offices in fifteen ports all over China, including Tientsin, Shanghai, Ningpo, Wenchow, Swatow, Canton, Hankow, Kiating, Nanking, Chinkiang, Shansi, Tangku, Ichang and Hongkong.

Mr. William Hunt told the Court that at the time of the outbreak of hostilities he planned to issue \$45,000,000 debenture notes under Hunt guarantees, which would have brought Mr. Hunt's China Merchants holdings up to \$70,000,000.

It is understood that Mr. Hunt is at present committed to extremely heavy interest payments. However, they are not defaulted, due to the recent refinancing plans following the outbreak of hostilities.

Mr. Hunt's only comment to the United Press regarding the future of this: "We are going to operate." It is not revealed whether the operation will include the steamship lines as well as the wharves and godowns; but, it is understood that Mr. Hunt is already divesting the old tonnage due to his plans to bring new and modern ships from the United States.

Mr. Hunt's agreement is an outgrowth of the Dollar Line, China, America and China Merchants' agreement of 1933, which the Chinese Government cancelled in 1934, when the Vice-Minister of Communications, Marquis Li, absconded after the first payment of \$500,000.

Marquis Li was imprisoned until the outbreak of the war and at present it is rumoured he is associated with the Nanking reform regime. Some believe any new Chinese government would be interfering with the Hunt interests in the administration of the former China Merchants Company.—*United Press*.

### WILL TAKE POSSESSION

Shanghai, April 23.—The United States Court in China has denied an injunction asked by the China Merchants Steamship Company against William Hunt and Company, the American firm, to restrain the threatened seizure by the Company of China Merchants' property in a number of ports in China.

The defence alleged that on May 6, 1936, Mr. Hunt entered into a contract with the China Merchants in which he undertook to reorganise the company, provide fresh capital, expand the business and guarantee loans.

Mr. Hunt stated he had carried out the terms of the contract, but that the China Merchants had defaulted on some payments, whereas upon Mr. Hunt had taken possession of their property in some ports and threatened further seizures.

The United States Court ruled that Mr. Hunt had lived up to his part of the contract under the contract's provisions, and had the right to take possession of the company's property.—*Reuter*.

### OLD SKELETON UNEARTHED

VANCOUVER, Wash.—A WPA worker disturbed the long sleep of an old Indian squaw when he unearthed a rotting cedar casket at the Vancouver army barracks. The box contained a skeleton in good state of preservation. Medical officers who examined it commented particularly upon the excellent, still white, teeth.

## Forty-Five Killed In Mine Blast

Hangar, Georgia, Apr. 22.

Twenty-four trained rescue workers burrowed in an effort to reach an estimated 45 to 70 people entombed in the Keene Mountain by a terrific dust explosion in the Red Jacket Coal Company's mine.

It is believed that the people are buried about 25,000 feet from the entrance and there is little hope that any of them is alive.

Nearly 200 feet from the source of the explosion the rescue workers found two bodies horribly burned and mutilated. Outside the mine they found two others in a critical condition.—*United Press*.

### TWENTY BODIES RECOVERED

Grundy, Virginia, Apr. 23.—It is established that 41 miners were below in the mine disaster near here. Twenty bodies have hitherto been recovered from the debris. Three miners escaped with injuries. There is scant hope that the rest of the miners are alive. The force of the explosion blew a house nearby to bits.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

### INVESTIGATIONS PENDING

Hangar, April 23.—Rescue crews ripped the red hot debris and removed a total of 43 bodies. This is believed to be the final toll and the crews withdrew from the mine while relatives began identification of the bodies.

State and Federal investigations are pending.—*United Press*.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 12.30 says: The market was steady, but dull.

### Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$50  
Canton Insurance \$270  
Union Insurance \$520  
H.K. & K. Wharves \$123  
Raubs \$814  
H. & S. Hotels \$470  
H.K. Lands debentures 4% \$1004  
H.K. Realities \$2.10  
Chinese Estates \$50  
H.K. Tramways \$104  
Peak Trams (Old) \$7  
China Lights (Old) \$11.60  
H.K. Electric \$20  
Telephones (Old) \$27  
Telephones (New) \$10.60  
Cement \$17.20  
Lane, Crawford \$9.40  
Wing On Textiles \$28  
Constructions \$114  
Marmans (H.K.) 3/10

### Sellers

H.K. Lands \$37  
H.K. Tramways \$16.40  
China Lights (New) \$9  
H.K. Electric \$20

### Sales

Canton Insurance \$275  
Union Insurance \$224  
H.K. & K. Wharves \$1234  
H.K. Mines \$114/11 1/2  
H. & S. Hotels \$470  
H.K. Tramways \$104  
China Lights (Old) \$11.60  
H.K. Electric \$20  
Marmans (H.K.) 4/-  
Antanoke \$5.20  
Benguet Consol. \$50  
Coco Grove \$1  
Parachute Gumma \$20  
San Maurice \$254  
Suyoc Consol. \$17

## BROADBENT SUCCEEDS

Record for England-  
Australia Flight

London, April 23.

Harry Broadbent, the Anglo-Australian aviator, landed at Lympne aerodrome to-day, succeeding in recapturing the Australia to England record in five days, five hours and 20 minutes, which was nearly 18 hours faster than Miss Jean Batten's record.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

### HONGKONG TO HANOI

According to unofficial reports, Air France will have a connection with the Colony towards the end of May, the Colony towards the end of May, when the French European service will be extended here from Hanoi. The line will be served by tri-motored Daulinac aeroplanes, it is stated, each with accommodation for 14 passengers, and capable of high speed. The journey between here and Hanoi will take four hours by these machines, which average 160 miles per hour. Enquiries from officials at Kai Tak airport, however, elicited that they had no information whatsoever of the projected new service.



S. O. S.

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## WHAT'S BRITAIN UP TO?

The gullible public is continually being presented with conundrums by statesmen, and their expert advisers. The latest is Britain's reported forthcoming purchases of United States military aeroplanes. The deal, which a special commission of experts has been appointed by the British Government to negotiate, is full of paradoxes when viewed in the light of intelligent reasoning, although, reduced to its simplest terms, it seems that Britain is so desperately anxious to effect an immediate expansion of her air force, that she will buy practically anything America has to offer in the way of fighting planes, so long as it permits the Home Government to point to numerically adequate air fighting material.

From the British public's point of view, the most suspicious thing about the proposed purchases is America's willingness to sell. This airy "help yourself" gesture is hardly in keeping with recent sentiments, vigorously expressed by responsible spokesmen before an investigating committee. Then the theme was: the United States wants all it has in war material, and it is essential she keep it. Neither does this latest volte face invoke confidence in the sincerity of the Neutrality Law. It may keep within the principle of that measure, but it is scarcely within its spirit. To a large body of public opinion in the United States the whole circumstances of the deal are revolting, and, as a message observed last week, "there are indications that every ounce of tact and circumspection will be required if the British Air Ministry's Mission is to have the success for which it hopes."

In America suspicion will be directed against the politicians and militarists, in the belief they have betrayed the assurances that there is no secret agreement between Britain and the United States for naval and military co-operation. In Britain, where such an agreement would be hailed with delight, the suspicions will be of another nature.

The American experts say they can afford to sell 30 different types of fighting planes to Britain, because, by the time Britain receives them, they for the most part will be comparatively obsolete. This is inferred, rather than stated; but the inference is unmistakable, and it cannot give the British public, paying colossal sums for adequate defence, much sense of satisfaction. The British tax-payer has accepted the Government's terrifyingly huge expenditure on arms as necessary for providing the country with the proper means

## Britain's Latest



Above, one of the new motor torpedo boats; below, the submarine *Ursula*, launched last month.

## How the NAVY Stands To-day

THE Navy Estimates for the coming financial year—published in detail on Page 3 of this issue of the "Telegraph"—are more than double what they were a few years ago. The real reason for this vast increase is to be found in one phrase: the country is being asked to pay for past neglect.

Not only is this true with regard to the provision of ships. It is even more true so, far as personnel, service conditions, and—most important of all—the Fleet Air Arm are concerned.

There is to be an increase of 7,000 in the personnel of the Royal Navy, and a large proportion of this increase will go towards the expansion of the Fleet Air Arm. There are to be, for the first time, marriage allowances for naval officers, more than 70 per cent of whom have to live apart from their families owing to the exigencies of the naval service.

There are to be increased marriage allowances for ratings, and increased travelling facilities to enable them to go to their homes more frequently.

### Aircraft Carriers

NOWHERE are the results of past neglect more apparent than in the all-important use and effect of air-power on naval strength.

For years there has been a tendency on the part of naval experts to discount the importance of air-power. Now the Navy and the Admiralty have awakened, and a vast effort is being made to meet dangers which should have been dealt with progressively as they arose year by year.

Now the Fleet Air Arm is to be of defending itself, and the public's acquiescence in this new and intolerable burden is governed by assurances that Britain, among other things, will possess the most up-to-date and effective air force in the world. Yet almost immediately the Government announces purchase of fighting planes which are antedated before they are purchased. If the United States can boast of new super-machines in the course of construction which make their existing planes out of date, it is practically certain that Russia, Italy and Germany have equally modern equipment, a thought which is hardly consoling to the British tax-payer.

Yet it is hard to believe that this is the whole of the conundrum. Behind it all lies the suspicion that Britain, although ostensibly building up a proportion of her air arm with obsolete foreign-made machines, has, in her own manufacturing plants, new and secret machines, capable of out-flying and out-maneuvring the products of her foreign competitors. Perhaps this open purchase of out-moded American planes is a smoke-screen hiding a subtle move on the part of Britain to lure her competitors into believing that she is incapable of constructing up-to-the-minute aeroplanes. The more the subject is probed, the more bewildering does it become. But the matter is of too much import for the British public to accept with indifference and passive equanimity, and this latest move by the British Air Ministry will have to be explained, sooner or later.—S.A.G.

## By A Naval Correspondent

be almost entirely reconstituted. It is also to be very largely increased in strength. One has only to look at the aircraft-carriers, built and building, to see how great this increase is to be.

At present we have four of these vessels in commission. Five are now being built. That seems to show that the Fleet Air Arm strength is to be more than doubled.

In reality there is to be a far greater increase. Our present aircraft-carriers carry about 36 machines each on an average. The new aircraft-carriers are to carry at least 70.

### Greatest Menace

THERE is also the question of aircraft carried in all the new or reconstructed cruisers and capital ships. Until very recently the aircraft-carrying capacity of one of these ships amounted to a single aeroplane. Now every new capital ship or cruiser carries four.

Defence against air attack is also responsible for a very large share of the Estimates. Not only are new ships being given more extensive anti-aircraft armament and increased protection against bombs from aircraft but old ships are being reconstructed to make them a more difficult proposition for an enemy relying on air-power.

The battleship *Warspite* left Portsmouth a few months ago having been completely reconstructed at a cost nearly equal to that of her original construction.

H.M.S. *Queen Elizabeth* and H.M.S. *Barham*, of the same class, are now undergoing reconstruction, as are also the large cruisers of the *Kent* class. And the major part of all these reconstruction works is concerned with the realisation that air-power must be regarded as the greatest menace to our Navy as well as one of its important weapons.

### The Other Powers

ADD to this fact that old cruisers are being converted into "all-anti-aircraft-gunships" and one realises that air-power is thus the dominating factor in naval expenditure to-day.

While we are spending this vast sum on naval armament, how does our Navy compare with those of other Powers?

Discounting obsolete ships, which would be an easy prey to aircraft or to torpedo craft in the event of war, the position to-day is as follows:

Capital ships	Empire	Italy	Germany	Japan
15	15	17	10	25
Cruisers	35	17	10	25
Destroyers	80	56	31	44
Submarines	18	11	5	7
Aircraft-carriers	6	0	0	4

That looks as if the smaller Navies, and particularly that of Germany, are far behind us. But the above table shows only the ships built. Those under construction are as follows:

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The figures in the above tables are the latest "official" details issued, but it has been stated from various sources

## GRIN AND BEAR IT . . . . By Lichty



"Don't take it so hard, Pop—conditions are bad everywhere!"

## PATIALA—Most Grandiose of Princes By ROLAND WILD

WITH the death, announced last night, of the Maharajah of Patiala, a majestic figure passes from the Indian scene.

The Maharajah was a man who lived in two worlds. He was often unaccountable in the rapid way he moved from the trivial to the urgent, from a life of pleasure-seeking to a determined endeavour to play an influential part in the making of the new India.

Many of his friends and acquaintances—and he numbered politicians, professional sportsmen, London policemen among them—saw only one side of his complex character, and judged him on that alone.



official biographer of the late Jam Sahib of Nawanganar (Ranjitsinghji).

THE most fabulous stories were told of his extravagance and his prodigality. Yet at heart he had only one purpose—the honouring of his State.

He believed that he owed it to his predecessor to play the host on a scale in competition with other great Princes. Nothing was too elaborate or too grandiose for him.

All the Princes save Ranji, Patiala was best known and most loved by the British public. He was always in the news, whether for shipping scores of pedigree terriers to India, to enjoy the most luxurious kennels in the world—where he was reputed to have kept at one time 500 dogs of all kinds—or for entertaining cricket teams at his superb palaces. He pursued his love of animals to an extent not usually possible. To him the best in the world was only just good enough.

Most famous English cricketers knew him personally—he captained the India XI which visited this country in 1911—and skill at the game was enough to earn a player an almost immediate invitation to stay with the Maharajah.

There were times when the social barriers of India were not lifted before him. He was always said to have wished to be the first Indian member of an exclusive club whose membership was limited to the English. He thought such restrictions were bad for the country, and with characteristic thoroughness he wished to be himself the first to break down the barrier.

**LAVISH HOSPITALITY**  
HE travelled in impressive style, but there was no man more pleased when the pomp and ceremony turned to humour. I remember once in a Bombay hotel, such was the impressiveness of

recently that Germany has now 61 submarines in service or building, and that Italy has more than 100 submarines in service or to be immediately built.

The French Navy consist of seven capital ships (six of which are obsolescent), 14 cruisers, 61 small cruisers and destroyers, 75 submarines, and one aircraft-carrier.

One thing stands out. So far as the smaller ships are concerned the smaller Navies are beginning to catch up. Partially this is so with Germany, and also in the case of sub-

his-entirety with his A.D.C., that half the Englishmen in the room rose to their feet.

A particular friend of his, however, walked up, slapped him on the back, and shouted a welcome. The impressive dignity of the Maharajah dropped immediately. He had changed in a second from the autocratic ruler to the prince of good fellows. I believe he really loved to show this other side of his character.

Patiala was never more happy than when embarking on some stupendous entertainment for the honouring of a favoured guest. His subjects, too, were delighted to observe that the State of Patiala could spend more money on entertainment than any other.

The guest houses erected for visitors and the lavishness of his hospitality were a matter of pride to every one of those who looked on the Maharajah as their father and their protector.

His army was one of the finest in the country. As its leader on ceremonial parades he was equally well known in Ball Mall as in the jungles of Rajasthan.

### WRESTLING CONTEST

ONE of his most prodigious feats of entertainment was a wrestling match between a local product, announced by his Highness, in the language of the true boasting sportsman, to be a world beater, and an American wrestler whom Patiala invited as his guest all the way from the United States to Central India.

Thousands of his peasants travelled night and day to witness the epic battle. The contest was staged in an immense, specially built arena, and was proudly announced by his Highness to be the championship of the world—a kind of wrestling match to end all wrestling matches. It lasted precisely three seconds. I even forget who won. But Patiala was pleased.

In the war he was an honoured visitor to the front, and his charitable work was by no means confined to the signing of his name in a cheque book.

He lived to be honoured by his fellow Princes for many years as Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, and throughout the tempestuous history of that body it was the Maharajah of Patiala who stood always in the thick of the battle.

His immense height—he was about 6ft. 4in.—the great strings of pearls that almost covered his chest and shoulders on state occasions, and the elegance of his Sikh beard, became very familiar to the London crowds, and he loved the cheers that always greeted him when he appeared. The Maharajah, who was 45, will be succeeded by his son, the Yuvaraj.



# NOTED HISTORIAN PREDICTS ANOTHER WORLD WAR: PEACE DEPENDS ON SOVIET RUSSIA

Warplanes Will Be Determining Factor In Next European Conflict

## Future of World Expressed In Barrels of Petroleum

[In 1914 Harvard Professor Albert Bushnell Hart predicted that the United States would enter the World War and that the allies would win. In the following interview with the United Press he forecasts developments in the current European crisis.]

By Homer Jenks

United Press Staff Correspondent

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. APR. 20.

ALBERT BUSHNELL HART, DEAN OF UNITED STATES HISTORIANS, IS CONVINCED THAT ANOTHER EUROPEAN WAR IS INEVITABLE.

"The United States will not enter into any war unless it is clear that our national existence is threatened," the white-bearded Harvard professor-emeritus added in an interview with the United Press.

He believed that Adolf Hitler, dreaming of a new and greater German empire, would seize Czechoslovakia "perhaps within four weeks—at least within four months."

"No military force that can be raised could prevent Germany from taking Czechoslovakia," he said. "The Czechs could not hold out for four days. There would perhaps be one battle—a showdown."

Next—or perhaps before—Hitler will annex Poland, he predicted.

"I had expected him to take over Poland before this, even before Austria. I don't see why he had held off so long. His international defence for such a step would be stronger than for

taking Czechoslovakia. The people of western Poland, the aristocracy, are either Germans or German-speaking. And of course, if he were going to move into western Poland, he would take over the whole country. The Poles are a gallant people, but they have no organization that could resist Hitler's troops for three days."

The Baltic States—Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia—and Finland likewise will fall to Germany, probably in bloodless revolution, Hart believed.

"That will link Germany and Russia cheek by jowl. Then it will be only a matter of time before war breaks out."

"Britain and France will be forced to side with Russia, and Germany is patting Italy on the back and telling her, 'Don't be scared.'"

### PEACE DEPENDS ON SOVIET

He said the only thing that can stop the expansion of the German empire, barring Hitler's death, is Russia.

"The peace of the next few years depends on Russia," he said. Russia thinks Germany is setting up too powerful a state in western Europe, she may jump in and break it up. But Russia apparently is unwilling to go to war just yet. She seems too busy perfecting her military organization and her fortifications.

When Great Britain and France declare war on Germany, Hart said, Hitler will occupy the Netherlands within 24 hours to gain control of the Dutch seaports.

Norway, Sweden and Denmark will be forced into this next war, he predicted.

On the south, Germany would occupy Switzerland because of its strategic military positions, Hart declared.

### AIRPLANES BIG FACTOR

He believed airplanes would be the determining factor in the next war.

"Probably the future of the next war could be expressed in terms of barrels of oil," he said. "And neither Germany nor the nations marked for the new empire have any source of oil. In Europe only Russia has sufficient wells to supply her needs."

Hart said that Germany for years has been importing and storing oil against the emergency of war but contended that a year of war would exhaust the supply.

"Germany is getting most of her oil from the United States," he said. "And if we don't want to get tangled up in the next war, we ought to stop sending supplies to probable enemies. We are putting arms in the hands of the principal belligerents. It is terribly against our interests."

Even though Germany should provoke the United States to the extent it did in the early days of the World War, Hart doubted that the United States would enter into hostilities unless this country or civilization itself were threatened.

"The United States would not send troops to Europe again so quickly," he said. "It has too much to lose."—United Press.

## FILM STARS BOUND FOR THE CIRCUS IN HOLLYWOOD



GARBED IN THE APPROVED MANNER of the western plains, according to the movies, here are Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Taylor, screen stars, on their way to a circus party given in Hollywood by Mrs. Frank Borzage, wife of the film director. They are often spoken of as engaged.

## Sparks Flew Out Of A Girl And She Was Worried

London.

A YOUNG wife wrote to the *Sunday Express* asking for advice on a strange problem. "For the past fortnight," she wrote, "every night when I undress for bed hundreds of sparks fly from my body."

"I have told several people, but they laugh at me and tell me I am seeing things, and so last night I asked my sister to watch, and she was very scared at the sparks."

"Will you please tell me if there is any danger, as it is beginning to worry me rather."

"I am afraid my clothes may catch fire."

A doctor laughed when a *Sunday Express* representative read the letter to him.

"You can tell the young woman she has nothing to be afraid of," he said.

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"There are some people who give off sparks. It happens especially in dry weather."

"The sparks are caused by the friction set up by the clothing as it is rubbed against the skin."

"Friction brings out static electricity, and some people are more highly charged with electricity than others."

"If the young woman wants to avoid alarming herself she should take her clothes off gently, especially if she wears artificial silk."

## Nazis Suspend Stamp "Bible"

The stamp-collectors' "International Bible" has been suspended by the German Government—because its editor cannot prove non-Jewish descent.

For years stamp-collectors have replied as final authority on "Kohls Briefmarkenhandbuch" (Kohl's Stamp Handbook).

But Dr. H. Munk, the editor, appears to have had a non-Aryan grand-mother.

## GOLD FIND IN ABYSSINIA

Gold and diamonds have been found in Gimmma, an Abyssinian Province, according to Rome reports, which state that the district will rival the Transvaal in output.

An expedition also discovered "important platinum, iron, copper and coal mines, without taking into account hundreds of square miles of richly wooded lands."

Gimmma, which has a population of about two millions, was described in the report as the most fertile Province in Abyssinia.

## Man's Sartorial Courage Poor

Australia is seething with revolt. It flares up every year in the summer, just as it does to a lesser degree in England.

All the men want to wear lighter and more unconventional clothes, but nobody is game to lead the revolution.

Tax commissioners, town clerks, medical officers of health and other serious people have all agreed in recent interviews that the sooner a "wear shorts and open collars" campaign starts, the better, but none has the courage to be the first to shed some of the 7½ lb. of clothing which the average Australian male wears in January and February.

Meanwhile, the women, this season, have got it down to a 2½ lb. standard, and even less. One smartly dressed Sydney typist admitted to *Austral News* that by wearing garters and thus dispensing with corsetry or belt she had gone one or two better than the standard. "And most girls in the city are wearing no more than I am, but they would be too scared to tell you," she warned.

## Round-Trip Flight To North Pole Made In Vain

Moscow.

It was announced here to-day that Captain J. F. Moshkovsky had made a round-trip flight to the North Pole from Rudolf Island in a fruitless search for the six Soviet airmen who disappeared in the Arctic wastes last August, while on a projected non-stop hop from Moscow to California.

The missing plane was piloted by Sigismund Levanevsky, crack Soviet aviator.

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12.42 Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

Drop In Next Time You're Passing (From 'Going Places'); Unbelievable (From 'Swing Along'); That Song In My Heart (From 'The Gang Show'); Still More Old Songs.

1.0 Time and Weather.

1.03 Mozart—Concerto In E Flat Major, K. 365.

Played by Arthur Schnabel and Karl Ulrich Schnabel (Two Pianos) and The London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Adrian Boult.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Latest Variety Numbers.

Orchestra—(a) My Sweetie Is Roaming About; (b) How I Could Lament! (a) You Can't Forbid A Flower; (b) The Sleeves Of My Jacket Are Tied Up... Magyari, Imre.

And His Orchestra, vocal refrain by Denny Dennis; Humorous—She Said She Wouldn't (Miller); I'm The Only Bit Of Comfort That She's Got (Miller)... Max Miller (Comedian) with Orchestra; Organ Solo—Hill.

Parade... Reginald Foot at the B.B.C. The Organ; Trumpet Solo—Elfrida Swift; George Swift (Trumpet) with Piano Accompaniment.

2.15 Close Down.

5.0-5.05 European Programme.

8.03-11.0 Chinese Programme.

5.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong-kong Hotel.

(a) Doin' The Sui Q; (b) You've Got Something There; (c) Yours And Mine; (d) Nice Work If You Can Get It.

5.15 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.20 (a) Once In A While; (b) It Don't Mean A Thing; (c) Spanish Memories; (d) Shim Sham Shimmy.

5.35 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.40 (a) Afloat To Dream; (b) Stardust On The Moon; (c) The Girl With The Dreamy Eyes; (d) Dinah.

5.55 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

6.0 (a) All The Way From Ireland; (b) Adieu To Love, Adieu; (c) I Hum A Waltz.

6.15 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

6.20 (a) Riverboat Shuffle; (b) Crazy Feet; (c) Stompin' The Blues Away.

6.35 For The Children.

Alfred (with Instrumental Accompaniment); Medley Of Shirley Temple Songs (From 'Poor Little Rich Girl')... Henderson Twins with Orchestra; Uncle Peter's Children's Party... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

6.45 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

Macushla (Josephine V. Rowe—Dermot Macmurrough); Too Late To-morrow (Langenberg); Open Your Window To The Morn, Op. 56, No. 3 (Roden—Phillips).

6.55 Beethoven—Concerto No. 1 In C Major, Op. 15.

Played by Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and The London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

7.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.35 Variety.

Cinema Organ—Once In A While (Green—Edward); "Rosalee"—Selection (Cole Porter)... Al Bollington at the Organ of the Paramount Theatre, London; Sketch—Going To The Pictures (Reynell and West)... The Two Cockney Kids (Ethel Reynell and Grace West); Dance Band—Slow Fox-Trot Medley; Quick-Step—Medley... Jack Dent and Norrie Moore (Two Pianos with Bass and Drums); Orch. with Organ—"Big Broadcast of 1938"—Selection (Robin-Kelner)... Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orch. London.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Chinese Programme—Relay from The Lee Theatre.

11.0 Close Down.

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 840 Kilocycles.

8.05 London Relay—"Empire Exchange." Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

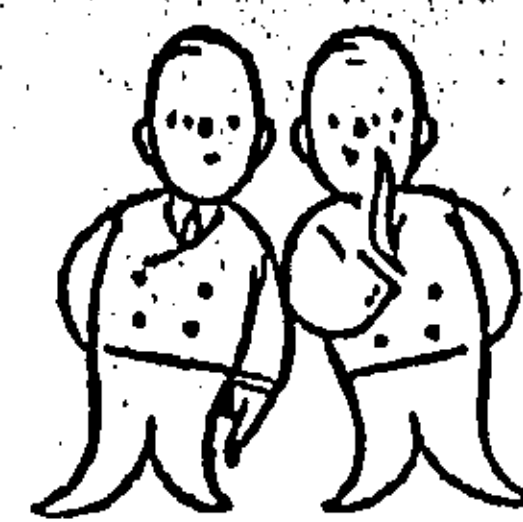
8.20 Walter Gieseking At The Piano.

Scania In B Flat Major (Mozart—K. 570).

8.35 Selections From Opera.

"Don Giovanni"—Overture (Mozart)... State Orchestra, Berlin, cond. by Dr. Leo Blech; Within These Sacred Walls ("The Magic Flute"—Mozart); O Isis and Osiris ("The Magic Flute"—Mozart);... Ivar Andersen (Bass) with Orch. accomp. cond. by Fritz Zweig; Casta (Continued on Page 5.)

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## A PIECE OF STRING SAVED BOY'S LIFE

BY lassoing four-years-old Jeffrey Kirk with a piece of string, Mrs. Cooke, of Elphick-road, Newhaven, Sussex, saved the boy's life.

The boy, who had been playing on the banks of the Ouse, fell into the river.

Mrs. Cooke was in her garden, which overlooks the river, when she heard cries for help and saw the boy struggling in the water.

He was lying on his back, and a high wind was taking him into the middle of the stream.

"I seized a piece of thick string

with which the child had been playing," said Mrs. Cooke, "and after throwing it to him several times, it caught round his neck and I pulled him in. It was all I could do, as I cannot swim."

The child was taken home suffering from no more than shock.

## ITALIAN FLEET CHANGES

NEW BASE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

By Hector C. Bywater

Relative naval strength in the Mediterranean is one of the principal matters which are to be discussed during the Anglo-Italian conversations in Rome. Special interest, attaches to the following new facts about the Italian navy.

Including the 1938 programme announced on Jan. 7 Italy should possess in 1941 a fleet of:

8 Battleships	244,000
1 Aircraft mother ship	4,900
9 Heavy cruisers	85,531
15 Light cruisers	84,532
86 Destroyers	115,000
65 Torpedo-boats	41,542
130 Submarines	99,800
75 Motor torpedo-boats	2,000

Total 677,305

This establishment will be about 23,000 tons short of the total which Admiral Cavour, Under-Secretary for the Navy, predicts will be reached by 1941. Apparently, therefore, some additional construction will be undertaken in the near future.

### FLEET REORGANISED

Since the Abyssinian war, the Italian fleet has been completely reorganised. No submarines are now attached to the main fleet. These boats form an entirely separate force under the direct orders of the Naval Staff.

The main fleet comprises the modernised battleships Cavour and Cesare—eventually to be joined by their sisters Duilio and Doria, and by the new 35,000-ton Vittorio Veneto and Littorio—seven heavy 8in gun cruisers, 10 light 6in gun cruisers, one aircraft mother ship, 30 destroyers, and 13 auxiliary vessels.

The submarine force is organised in four groups as follows:

1st: 28 boats, at La Spezia, near Genoa;

2nd: 2 to 4 boats, at Naples;

3rd: 17 to 20 boats, at Messina; and

4th: 30 boats, at Taranto.

In all, therefore, about 82 boats are in commission. It will be observed that 60 of these submarines are based comparatively near the "bottle neck" between Sicily and Tunisia through which passes the traffic route between Gibraltar and the Suez Canal.

### CLOSING THE ROUTE

It is now officially disclosed that the object of the Italian naval manoeuvres held last year was to test the feasibility of closing this route, and further that the island of Pantellaria—60 miles from Sicily and 45 miles from the African coast—was the centre point of the operations, in which submarines and minelayers performed most of the work.

The result is not revealed, but it is significant that since then the development of Pantellaria as a fortified aero-naval base has been pressed forward.

Mussolini's veto on the construction of aircraft carriers is logical enough in view of Italy's special requirements. Although such vessels are indispensable to the British Navy which must be able to project its air power into every sea and ocean where British interests may call for defence, they would be of doubtful value to Italy, whose chief concern is the Mediterranean.



# SOUTH CHINA'S EXPECTATIONS NOT FULFILLED

## LEAGUE TITLE NOT YET DECIDED

(By "Abe")

THE week-end, which was to provide such a triumph for the South Athletic Association in local football, did not come up to expectations. The programme gave them an opportunity of winning both the League Championship and the Senior Shield; but they were beaten by Eastern in the League and the Shield match was postponed, so they will have to wait another week for whatever successes they hope to score.

### Deferred Pleasure?

It may be that the winning of the League Championship is only a deferred pleasure for South China "B," nevertheless their defeat by Eastern has taken them back considerably and now they have to beat the Royal Scots before they can be sure of winning. Few people who have followed local football closely this season would have imagined that the Eastern men were capable of lowering the colours of South China "B." If anything, they would have thought that the Middlesex had a stiffer task against the Royal Scots. But things turned out the other way round. South China "B" were always up against it in their tie with Eastern whereas the Middlesex players had things much their own way against the Royal Scots.

### Chances Lessened

THE position in the League following the results of the week-end is this. The Middlesex have now completed their programme with 30 points from 18 matches, while South China "B" have one more match to play and have 29 points. A draw with the Royal Scots this week-end will enable them to tie with the Middlesex and a win will give them the championship; but a defeat means that the honours will go to the Middlesex. At one time almost certain of winning the League, the South China "B" are now in a rather precarious position. They are not looking forward to the match without qualms. And the reason for their discomfort is that the Royal Scots are improving with every match they play in the Colony.

### Shield Tie Postponed

THE weather conspired to rob the Caroline Hill players of whatever satisfaction that had been left to them. It rained and it rained and it rained, and the officials had no alternative but to postpone the match. At one time there was every prospect of the game being decided. The referee and the linesmen were there; the players had turned up; and the ground was ready. But the rain showed no sign of abating, and by 4.10 p.m. the ground was under water. Following an examination of the ground, it was announced "No Play!"

### Home Football

ARSENAL kept themselves in the running for the championship in the First Division of the English Football League by winning their away match against Preston North End on Saturday. In view of the fact that Preston have their eyes set on the F.A. Cup, the final of which will be played on Saturday, Arsen-

## Modern Mercury's Feet Run Fastest Mile



**HISTORY'S FASTEST MILE**—Flying feet of a modern Mercury ran the fastest mile ever recorded for humans, when Glenn Cunningham, 28-year-old Kansan, made the distance in 4:04.4, on Dartmouth College's spring board track at Hanover, N. H. But those legs and feet once were so crippled it was believed Cunningham never would walk again. A schoolhouse fire, when he was a lad of eight in Elkhart, Kas., not only cost his mother's life but crippled the toes of Glenn's left foot and left nothing but thin scar tissue to protect his leg muscles from the air. "Now he quit his crutches to over-

come that terrible handicap reaches a dramatic climax in his recent amazing achievement.

Here are action pictures of the runner. At left, his running form as he rounds the track. Top right, the feet that ran the fastest mile. Lower right, symmetry and rhythm in Cunningham's stride.

Cunningham, studying for a Ph.D. degree at New York University, lives with his wife and baby near famous Washington Square, New York City. He runs under the colors of the New York Curb Exchange Athletic Club.

## SCOTS RUGBY LESSON FOR ENGLAND

### Triumph Built Up On Attacking

By J. P. Jordan

London, Mar. 22.

Scotland's triumph in the international Rugby championship provides a splendid example of how bold methods of selection pay—a lesson that should be taken to heart by the England selection committee in future.

When the first Scottish team was announced, with its eight new caps, those responsible for choosing the side made a shrewd move by moving R. W. Shaw, one of the strongest attacking players of the day, from centre of stand-off half. That proved one of the secrets of Scotland's unbroken triumphs.

It made for an attacking back division capable of overcoming any deficiencies elsewhere.

England erred right from the start of the campaign, and I am not being wise after the event, for months ago I criticised the selectors' policy of safety first.

### SPARKLE NEEDED

All along it was urged that what the England back division needed was sparkle. Heavy footed and blundering backs do not score tries, which are—or should be—the first object in a game of Rugby football. It was obvious from the beginning

that England could raise a pack sound enough in scrummaging to get the ball almost at will. On Saturday England heeled from 23 scrums out of 29 in the first half and nearly as often in the second, and possession of the ball from the scrums is or should be half the battle.

Building on forward superiority the selectors should have gone all out for backs who could crown the skill of their forwards.

Instead of thinking in terms of defence, attack should have been the first consideration.

Before Christmas I pointed out that the England three-quarter line should contain at least one attacking centre and one wing of speed, but in the end the selectors fell back on centres of three seasons ago and a pair of wings who are determined runners, but deficient in pace.

The enforced withdrawal of B. E. Nicholson was a bigger blow to England than the loss of any of the three fine forwards who also had to stand down.

Nicholson should have been replaced by someone of attacking skill placed by someone of attacking skill who would cut through more than once in a match, and who would give his wing more than one pass.

It is idle to say that no option was left, but to rely once again on a player of great experience, but who was obviously not in his best form this year. The North possessed two men with the longest for attacking spirit, neither of whom could have done any worse.

J. L. Gillies is not the ideal scrum half, splendid little lion though he is, and F. J. Reynolds did not look as if he had thoroughly shaken off the effects of illness, but blame for defeat could not be laid at their door. It lay in lack of enterprise of those behind.

I hope the lesson has been learned, and that next season the selectors will look for players who will make attack their first policy. Only by doing so can we hope to succeed.

## ENGLISH DAVIS CUP TEAM TO BE FOUND

Filby And Shayer Should Be Tried

By A. Wallis Myers

London, Mar. 23.

The selectors of representative British teams will soon have to make their choices—for the first Davis Cup match, which is only a few weeks away, and for the women's matches against Australia and America, which come a little later.

Spring hard court tournaments—and they follow in sequence now right up to the British championships at Bournemouth—will offer a line on relative form, but not necessarily a conclusive line. Tournament hazards are notorious; team matches have captains and are perhaps more searching.

Besides, the Australian women's match at Manchester and the English men's match at Wimbledon will be decided on a different basis, on which strokes and the authors have a different

### NEW DAVIS CUP TEAM

England cannot field its Davis Cup team of last year. Austin is giving up his place to a younger man, Raymond Tuckey is tied to business, Charles Hare has taken up an appointment in America. Only Frank Wilde, of the four playing in the last challenge round, will probably be available.

Three vacancies are thus created. To fill them with a prospect of recapturing the Cup this year is scarcely possible to put in men who will bring the experience of stern and disciplined play in a hopeful alternative.

In this matter, I think the selectors should look for players who will make attack their first policy. Only by doing so can we hope to succeed.

## HOUGH KNOCKED OUT Martin Trounces a Boxer Weary of Fighting

By Geoffrey Simpson

London, Mar. 22.

Frank Hough, the most-discussed fighter of the season, finished his contest at the National Sporting Club, Earl's Court, last night, taking the count on one knee in the ninth round—beaten more completely than he has ever been since he was elevated to a top-of-the-bill boxer.

His conqueror was the coloured London cruiser-weight Tommy Martin, who only last December was floored thirteen times by Hough and knocked out by him.

The transformation in the form last night tells its own revealing story. Hough looked like a man weary of fighting, bereft of speed, of fire and punching power. He lost the first round by a wide margin, and went on losing most of the others in a dull, helpless sort of way.

His manager said afterwards that Hough was not fit. He did not look fit, and his weight, 12st. 0½lb., was above his best. But fight weariness more than lack of condition rendered Hough such an easy victim. He is now paying the penalty of the fight-a-week programme he forced upon himself.

Last night's reckoning was a painful one for Hough. The fight was terribly one-sided. Martin, with his dancing feet and fast-working left jab, outpaced him, outboxed him—at times even making him look foolishly impotent.

### FUTILE SWINGS

Hough was slow about the ring, and Martin was so quick to score and get away that Hough was reduced to swinging blows from long distance at non-existent openings. For four rounds Hough hardly landed a punch worthy of the name, and in the fourth round he was made to suffer the indignity of a knock-down from a man who is by no means a weighty puncher.

Martin gave him a right hook to the jaw and then one to the body and down went Hough to his knees to take a rest of seven seconds.

Hough was so easy to hit that a good puncher must have made short work of him, game though he was. But Martin, though a smart boxer with a straight left, is a light hitter, and his right is not of great account. So the struggle was prolonged until the ninth round, by which time Hough was thoroughly worn out by his endeavours to catch an elusive rival.

### HOUGH'S EYE CUT

Occasionally, Martin would stop his ring circling, stand close up to Hough, and punch furiously with both hands. Hough was then able to do some good for himself with his harder hooks and swings. But as soon as Martin found himself shaken he would revert to his speedy distance boxing—and Hough could never cope with this.

The end came when Hough's left eye was cut in the ninth round. This

roused Martin to make another attempt at close range punching, and he had not let many blows travel when Hough went down from a right hook on his chin and stayed down.

Hough was fully conscious as he knelt, but he was obviously bent, and had little strength left in his legs.

Martin is now to meet Merlo Preciso, of Italy. As for Hough, it seems as though his big fight days are over for some time to come. He badly wants a rest.

### Football

## MACAO PREPARES FOR INTERPORT WITH HONGKONG

Macao, April 22.

Keen enthusiasm is evinced in football circles here over the Interport match which is shortly to be staged in Hongkong between the best side Macao can muster and a selection from the Hongkong Second Division.

Macao's team will doubtless consist of most of the players who represented this Colony in the recent encounter with the Islington Corinthians, but players are being carefully chosen from among the four soccer clubs.

The following are listed as Probables: Carvalho, Lobato, Ho Cho-seng, Cordova, Lau King-chol, Alrosa, Rego, Colaco, Santos, Lau Chong-sang, Lopes.

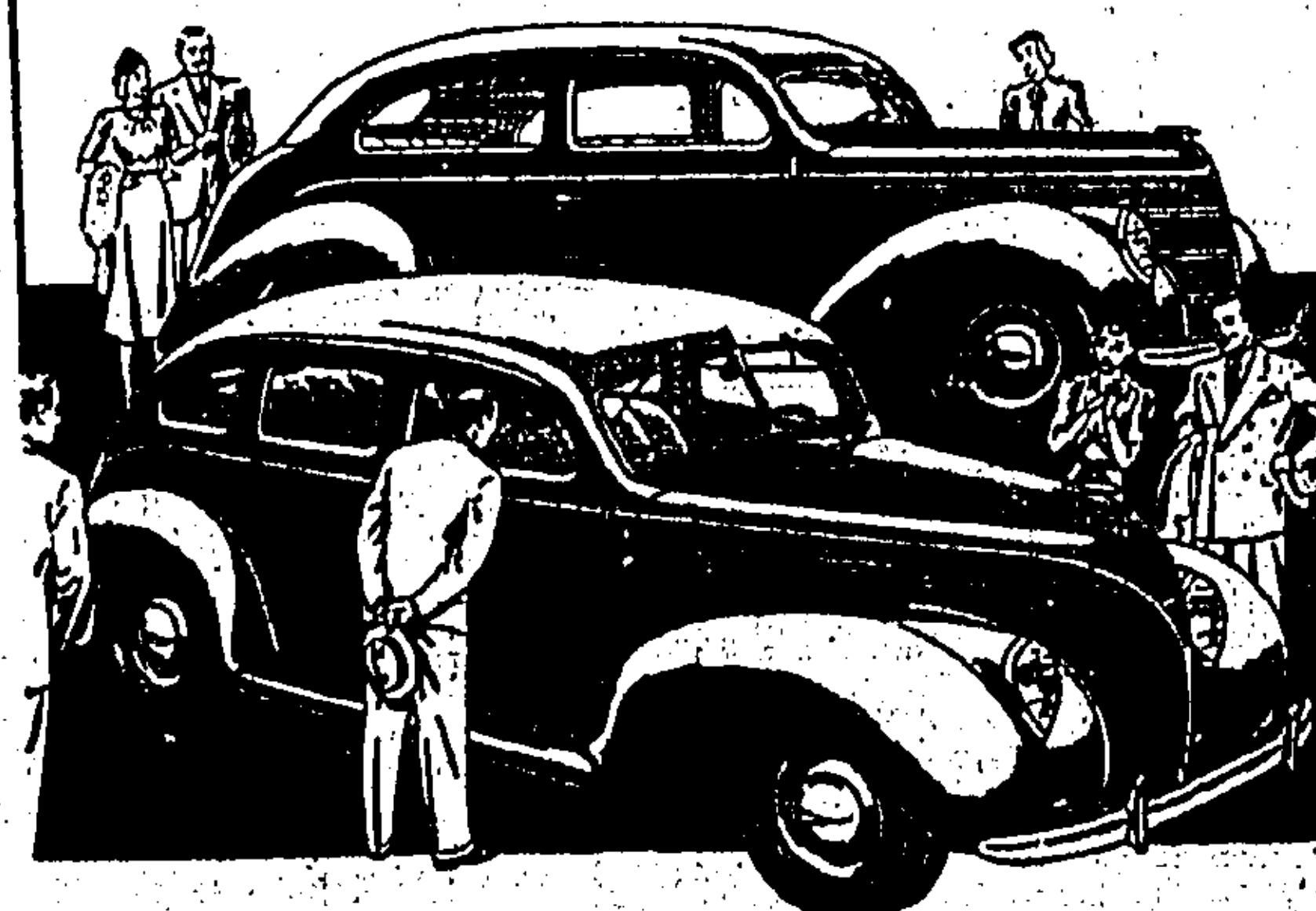
Possibles: Fernandes, Lei Nga, Badarraco, Magalhães, Lam San, Cacao, Assis, Jesus, Guerycio, Marques, Santos.

Of the players listed in the trials, Carvalho, the youngest player, is a brilliant custodian, while Ho Chong-seng is Macao's stalwart left-back. Colaco, skipper, does more than his full share of work in the forward line, and Alrosa, brilliant hockey centre-half, is most dependable in his position at left-half in football.

The forthcoming match is the second Interport soccer match; the first which was played here last season was won by Macao.

A football association has been formed in Macao with Brig. Gen. Fernando de Verna as president. Mr. F. de Silva, member of the Hongkong Referees Association, is devoting himself wholeheartedly to the work of organising the team preparatory to their meeting the Hongkong team.—Our Own Correspondent.

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## GRAND PRIX WON BY A FRENCHMAN

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Cork, Apr. 24.

The Frenchman, Rene Dreyfus, driving a De la Haye, won the International Grand Prix over a course of 200 miles, consisting of 33 laps in a record time of 2 hours 9 min. 40 secs. The average speed was 92.05 miles an hour.

Prince Birabongse of Siam, driving a Maserati, was second in 2 hours, 11 min. 30 secs, an average speed of 91.66 miles an hour.

L. Gerard, driving a Delange, was third. He completed 30 laps in 2 hours 10 min. 47 secs, an average speed of 93.78 miles an hour.

Rene Dreyfus twice broke the lap record. His best effort was 95.71 miles an hour.

G. P. Wakefield, driving a Maserati, crashed and was sent to hospital. However, he was not seriously injured.

The race for light cars over 75 miles was won by Prince Birabongse, driving an Era, at a speed of 91.47 miles an hour. Dobson was second, also driving an Era.—Reuter Special.

## GYMKHANA POSTPONED

The gymkhana arranged by the Kowloon Riding School for yesterday afternoon, was postponed because of the heavy rain. It is hoped to hold it at 2.30 p.m. next Saturday.

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## HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB ACTIVITIES REVIEWED AT DINNER

### Cup & International Matches Interfere With League Season

A comprehensive review of the Club's activities during the year was given by Mr. H. R. Forsyth, Vice-President of the Hongkong Football Club, who presided at the annual dinner of the Club at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden on Saturday evening.

Mention was made of the long drawn-out season of the Football Association, though arrangements this season had been speeded up somewhat. The greatest menace to the smooth running of the League organisation, said the Vice-President, was the intrusion of various Cup and International matches.

Reference to the close friendship between the Club and the South China Athletic Association in the promotion of football in the Colony was made by Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, General Secretary of the S. C. A. A., who was among the guests.

Mr. Forsyth took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the President, Sir Vandeleur Gurney, and amongst those present were the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary and President of the Hongkong Football Association), Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Mr. J. McKelvie, (Kowloon Football Club), Rev. J. T. B. Evans (Royal Navy Rugby Secretary), Capt. E. H. B. Neil (Secretary, Hongkong Area Sports Board), E. M. Harvey (Captain, Royal Rugby XV), and Messrs. W. H. Andrews, B. I. Bickford, E. L. Strange, J. Skinner, H. D. Bidwell, J. P. Whitlam, D. Black, C. Austin and Dr. J. A. R. Selby (Club Committee).

Proposing the toast of "Our Guests," the Vice-President said: "Our soccer XI opened the season with possibly more confidence than skill. They followed the usual erratic course of winning and losing (mostly losing) in unexpected places, and generally mystifying supporters and selection committees. For some years the Club has maintained what might be termed a neutral position in the League—like the Old Duke of York's men, our Club XI was 'neither up nor down.' Under pressure during the season, however, they retreated from this position to one dangerously near the bottom, but recently they have fought more strenuously and regained some lost ground.

"Eric Strange and his men have had a struggle in the face of many difficulties, to keep the game going this year, but they have never failed to turn out and keep their fixtures. They can take punishment, but always live to fight another day. Even South China beat them! This is the first time for many years that the Club have failed to lower the standard of the Caroline Hill champions, and I might warn our friends that our 'booby team' propose to return to the attack next year with renewed vigour.

"The Second XI have again suffered at the hands of the First XI in having on many occasions to provide players for the latter team. Despite these and other difficulties, the Second XI under the leadership of De Shaw has played stout-heartedly throughout the season, and deserves great praise for turning out regularly and battling against great odds.

### Tribute To Rodger

"This is the first season for approximately twenty years that George Rodger has not been seen in his usual position in goal. His decision to retire from the game was received with regret, and I wish to express our appreciation of his long and distinguished service in the interests of the Club and Colony football.

"The series of Interport matches was interrupted this year by war conditions in China. On the other hand, we had the pleasure of seeing the Islington Corinthians in action, and the privilege of playing them in a friendly game, in which our friends in the Police came to our support in strengthening the Club team. I wish to thank the officials and members of South China Athletic Association for their courtesy in giving the Club facilities to play this fixture, and I wish further to express our admiration for the enterprise shown by the S.C.A.A. in arranging for the visit of the Islington Corinthians, and for the very high organising ability displayed by the South China officials in entertaining the visiting team.

"Last year on this occasion, the President referred to the ever-growing intensity of competitive football and the long-drawn-out season. The Football Association have succeeded to some extent in speeding up arrangements this season and the majority of teams have completed or will complete their League programme in reasonable time. The Association had many problems to contend with in the course of the season, but perhaps the greatest menace to the smooth running of the League organisation is the intrusion of various Cup and International matches. The matter has been discussed in the Association and in the Press, and we hope that, ere another season opens, a satisfactory solution of the difficulty will have been found.

### Rugby Review

"In Rugby, the Club enjoyed a very active, if not eminently brilliant season. The First XV played 18 games, and the Second XV battled through 34 games, which constitutes a very fine record of organised exercise for a large body of players. "The Triangular Tournament was won this year by the Royal Navy, and we congratulate them on their very excellent play throughout the season. I did not think it was possible for two teams to scrap so heartily in the middle of the festive season as did the Navy and the Club on New Year's Day.

"The Seven-a-Side Tournament was a most successful event, or series of events, and great credit is due to the organisers, players and, of course, the referees. The tournament, with the famous Blarney Stone Shield, was won by the Club seven, who are to be complimented on a very sound exhibition. I should explain that the so-called Club seven comprises members who are available after the Hongkong Bank, B. and S., Civil Service, and Police have absorbed such Club players as they require for their own ends. The winning team might more appropriately be called the Club Independents or Residuals. In any case, they were very capably led by J. C. Miller, the Rugby captain.

### Lawn Bowls Section

"We now come to the more sedate game of Lawn Bowls. Last season, the Club entered a team in each of the three divisions—the first team distinguished itself by winning the booby prize, while the other teams succeeded in holding their own in their respective divisions. These results are not really of any vital importance since the aim in establishing a bowling green was to provide exercise and means of enjoyment for as large a number of members as possible. In this I think we have succeeded, and the enthusiasm among bowling members is unabated.

"So much for the Club. Another season is drawing to a close, and if we have no array of trophies to show for our efforts in the playing field, I hope we can succeed in convincing our guests that our desire to dispense hospitality is not thereby diminished."

I wish to welcome to-night Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, whom you all know is President of the Hongkong Football Association and a firm supporter of Association football for the past 15 years. We are very glad to have you with us here to-night. I also extend a welcome to Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, who was the moving spirit in getting the Islington Corinthians to East Asia for Hongkong, and who has contributed greatly towards Colony soccer and towards his own great association, the South China Athletic Association. I also extend a welcome to members of the Services, to members of other Clubs and friends. I will now ask members to rise and give the toast, "Our Guests."

The Hon. Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Forsyth and the Club members for their very fine welcome accorded them, and caused considerable laughter by saying that his reply would have been much easier had the Vice-President supplied him with a copy of his speech, which never reached him.

### Mr. Wong's Speech

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Hon. General Secretary of the South China Athletic Association, said: "I remember very many years ago, and it must have been nearly 30 years now, when I was still a junior in my school, that I happened to stroll along Happy Valley one sunny Saturday afternoon, after participating in a school football match. There, grass, with a mere handful of spectators, either sitting or lying leisurely along the touch lines. I was informed by one of them that the 'Tai Tois' were playing, meaning thereby that the H.K.F.C. team was playing. It is hard to give a literal translation of this expression, but broadly speaking, 'Tai Toi' means 'Gentlemen.' It was not until years later, when I became closely associated with football that I appreciated this meaning. This shows what esteem the Chinese entertained for the members of the Hongkong Football Club.

"I have had the honour of representing the South China Athletic Association during practically the whole of the last decade in connection with matters concerning football in this Colony. During this period, I have on innumerable occasions come into personal contact with many officials and members of the Club. I have a high regard for them. Not only are they most courteous and ever ready to lend a helping hand, but they are without exception gentlemen both on and off the field of play. The game of football is now very popular with the Chinese. It has indeed become one of the national games. Its magnetic appeal to the vast crowd is hard to describe. I can say without fear of contradiction that we have to-day attained a very high standard in this branch of sport, but our achievement is due, though largely to our own efforts, to our attitude for the game, in no little measure to the constant encouragement given us by our foreign friends.

## ENGLISH DAVIS CUP TEAM TO BE FOUND

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should be the governing factors. Records are not imperative; new men are chosen to make them. It is potentiality that counts.

For this reason, as a spectator with a player's experience, I would be inclined to try Eric Filby and Ronald Shays in the singles, and Wilde and Donald Butler in the doubles. And I should be quite prepared to find that my tip has not been followed.

More material for choice is offered in the women's realm, and here, since the big matches are to be decided on grass, more circumspection is required. But the delay in picking a possible team should not be extended beyond a period when uncertainty may affect confidence. Late decisions have cost us matches in the past.

### WIGHTMAN CUP TEAM

Mrs. Little, the champion, will not be available this season. The next three on the official list, Miss Hardwick, Miss Scriven and Miss Stammers, will be, and it is not unlikely that for singles these three will be picked, although when it comes to grading their order may be reversed. For doubles there is likely to be—there certainly should be—definite changes. The inclusion of Miss A. M. Yorke, the joint holder of the British and French championships, is called for. No better partner could be found for her than Miss James.

They are born doubles players, and might, with confident training, make an invincible pair. They were nearly so five years ago, when, for no apparent reason, they separated.

Miss Yorke's inclusion will allow Miss Stammers, if her best form returns, to concentrate on singles. For the second doubles pair, Miss Jean Saunders and Miss Valerie Scott are indicated. An alliance that has already won distinction and a team that enjoys the strength of sympathetic union.

And we shall need a practised, courageous women's team, for the Australian girls will be mobile and swift, and the American Wightman Cup defending team will probably include Mrs. Moody, Miss Marble, Miss Jacobs, Miss Bundy, Miss Palfrey and Mrs. Van Ryn, with Miss Wheeler in reserve.

amongst whom, our hosts play a very prominent part.

### Close Friendship

"As a result of keen rivalry through all these years, a remarkable and close friendship has sprung up between the members of the Club and the South China Athletic Association, and we hope that nothing will prevent us from further strengthening our bond of close relationship and of enjoying our mutual co-operation in the promotion of football in this Colony.

"The reality of sport—there is no distinction whatsoever regarding one's station in life or of one's creed. Be he a prince or a commoner, a millionaire or a pauper, he is entitled to just that recognition a sportsman is entitled to and no more. He will be applauded for his sportsmanship and will be severely criticised if he is otherwise. They all live, figuratively speaking, under one common roof and work for one common purpose. Sport therefore exemplifies the true doctrine of international democracy, and proves to be the only means of bridging the great gulf of social distinction and of eliminating all racial prejudice.

"The game of football, if played in the best traditional spirit and with the keenest rivalry, will merge all the players into one complete whole. All selfishness, greed, self glory and ignoble animosities will be submerged to those noble qualities of sportsmanship—grit and courage, self-confidence and self-control, patience and perseverance, self-denial, team work and loyalty. Football is not only a game of pleasure, it is also a game of life. Let the spirit prevail always in the football field and let this spirit be extended to our other spheres of life and then there will forever

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## SCOTTISH CUP FINAL Kilmarnock And East Fife Share Two Goals

London, Apr. 23.

Nearly 100,000 people witnessed the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden Park to-day, Kilmarnock and East Fife sharing two goals. The weather was dull, but the football was bright and exciting. East Fife, the gallant Second Division team, settled down very quickly and commenced to play calculated football, employing the whole of the forward line in their plan of attack. Kilmarnock, on the other hand, concentrated on the left wing, and later this developed into snapper play.

East Fife scored when, after seventeen minutes McLeod, their inside-right, gathered the ball from the base and passed Kilmarnock's keeper.

Five minutes later, however, Kilmarnock equalised when Rose, left half, took a free kick from forty yards out, and as the ball, going in the direction of the net, emerged from the goalmouth, scramble, McAvoy, inside left, appeared to help it in with his head. Half time arrived with the score at one all.

Kilmarnock continued to press hotly upon the resumption, and Milton, East Fife's goalkeeper, figured prominently in some magnificent saves. East Fife regained their former sparkle, and, with their half-backs beginning to hold and check the opposing forwards, for a hectic three minutes they bombarded Kilmarnock's goal. The defence prevailed, more by luck rather than skilful play.

The final will be replayed at Hampden Park on Wednesday, April 27, kicking off at 6.30 p.m.—Reuter.

## REFEREES' PROBLEM

### Discussion To-day On Proposal To Alter Date Of Annual Meeting

The Hongkong Football Referees' Association will hold its last meeting of the season this evening. During the past year some slight difficulty arose with regard to the date of the annual meeting. The most suitable time from the point of view of many of the Service referees who support the Association is mid-winter, whilst the time favoured by the Referees' Association and its many branches is mid-summer.

In order to bring things more in line, it was decided at the last annual meeting to hold future annual meetings on the second Monday in September. This entails the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting for Monday, September 12, a motion for which, it is hoped, will be passed to-day.

Other important items are down for discussion and it is hoped that all referees in the Colony will endeavour to attend.

## SPORT ADVTS.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 7th May, 1938, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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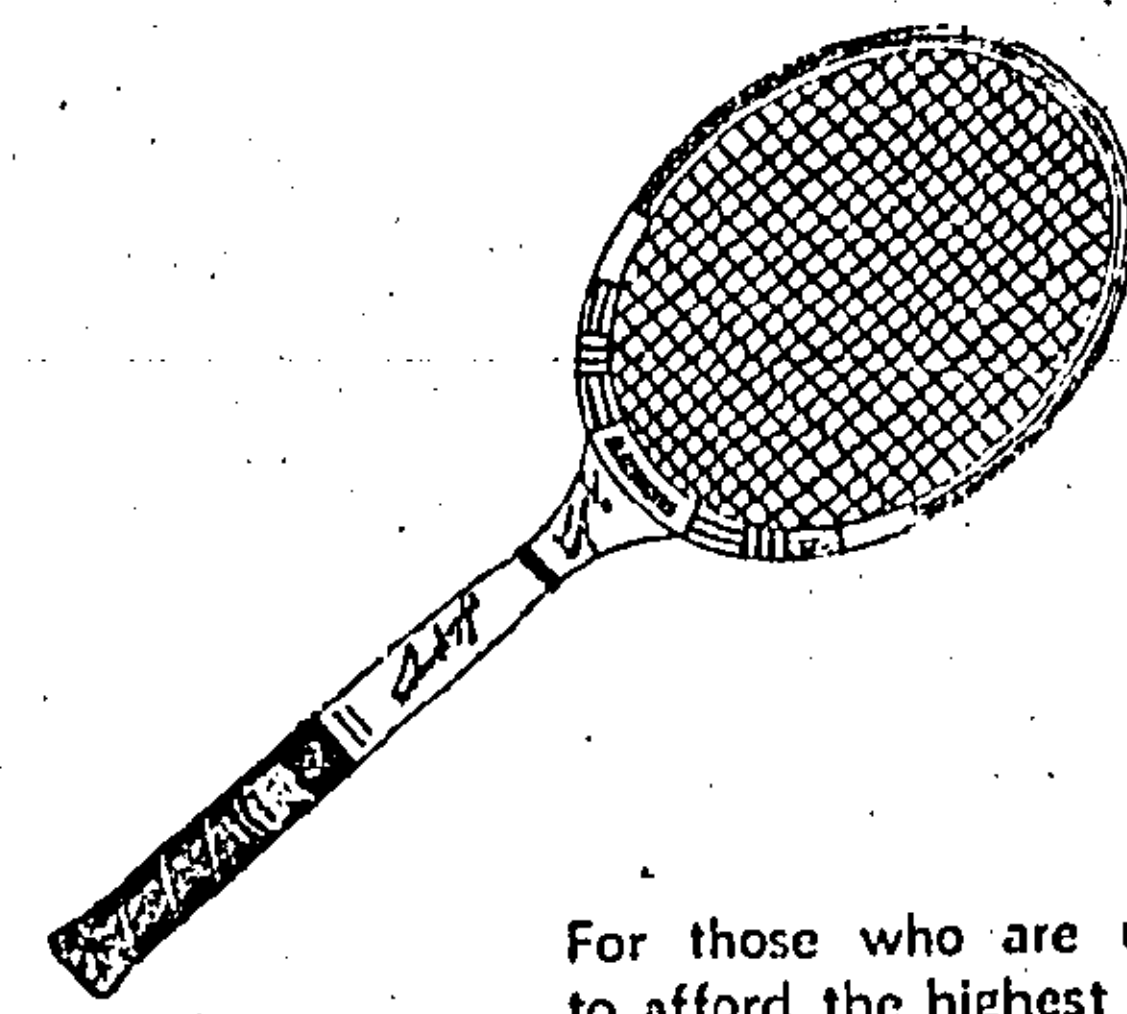
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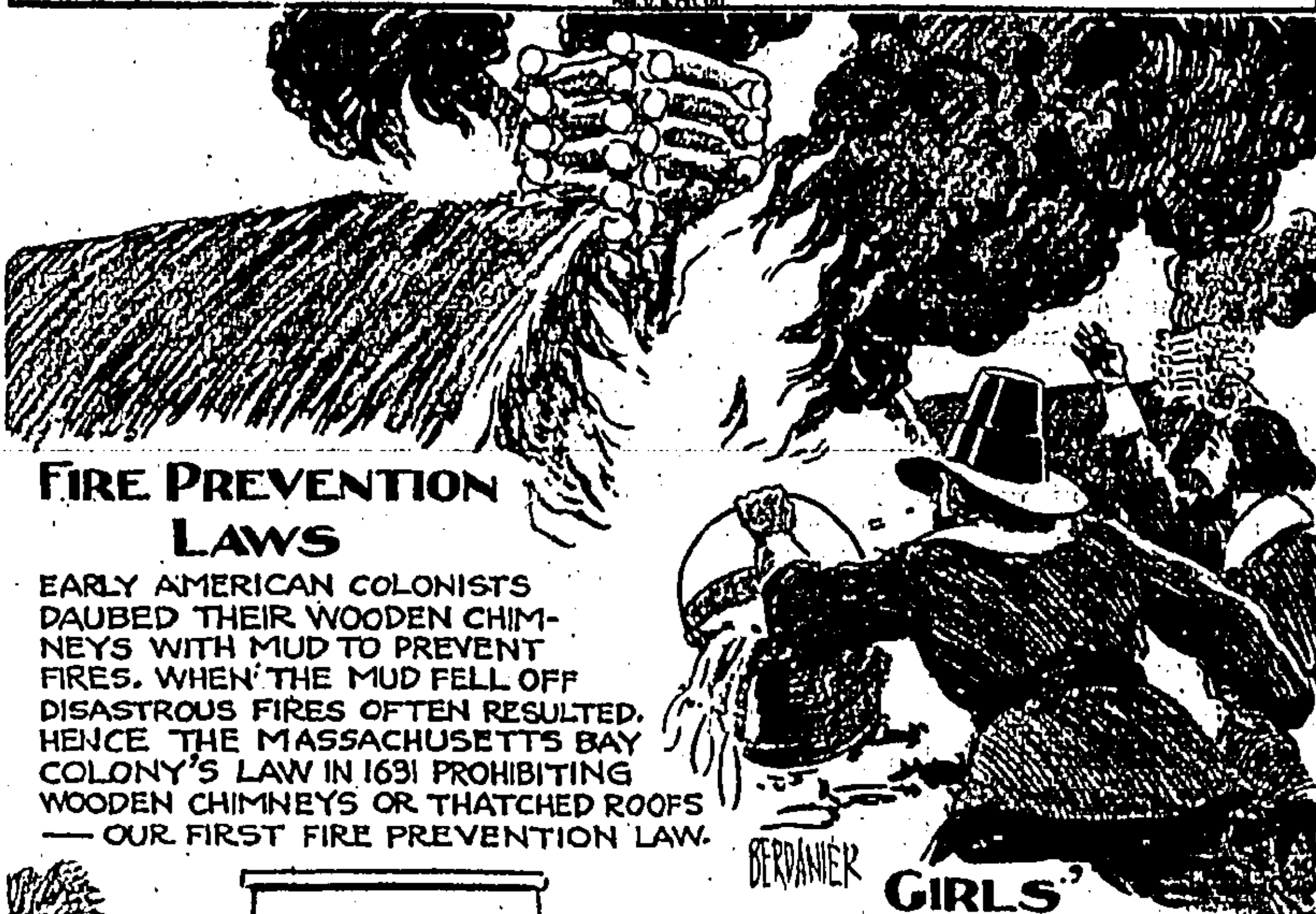
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## Chapter One

"Your five and here are ten more."  
Jerry Warriner rifled a red and blue chip from his pile and thrust them into the pot. "I'll see you," he said.  
"Aces full," said George, showing his cards.  
Jerry grinned. "Taint enough, my good man. Four little ladies here insist 'taint enough'."  
"I give up," George complained. "I haven't won a hand from you now in three, four days."  
"Say, that reminds me. What time is it?" Jerry asked.  
Dave Madden reached back, lifted the curtain and flooded the room with sunlight. He looked at his watch.  
"Ten-thirty-five," he announced, "and a lovely day it is too."  
"Oh-oh," Jerry shook his head. "Time for me to pick up my marbles and go home like a good little boy. I'm due back from Florida this afternoon."  
A few minutes later Jerry strode into the locker room of his athletic club, stripped quickly and stretched out on the massage table.  
"Turn on the sun lamp, Frank," he called to the attendant. "and give me all it's got. I've got to get a deep Florida tan and I've got to get it in the next three hours. Give her the gun!"  
Frank Randall, another member of the club, paused beside Jerry. "Hello, Jerry," he said. "Say, you look awfully pale for a guy who just had a week in Florida."  
Jerry grinned at him. "You know," he said, "that's what I thought, too."  
"Oh — ho! I get it. You didn't go to Florida at all. Putting one over on the wife eh?"  
Jerry frowned. "No I'm not," he insisted. "Not the way you mean, anyhow. It's just that — well, don't

"Oh!" Lucy fluttered from Jerry's arms. "You know, Armand Levalle, don't you. Armand and I have had the most terrible time. His car broke down last night — this morning, rather — a million miles from nowhere and we had to stay the night at the most unspeakable inn you ever saw. It was dreadful. We were coming home from the Junior Prom and —"  
"And will you forgive my automobile's imperfect performance?" Armand asked.  
"Of course," Jerry said. "How could you help that?"  
"I'm afraid I'll have to be going, Jerry," Frank said. "We're having an early dinner and then we're off to the theatre."  
Armand was waiting for Lucy and Jerry in the living room when they had said goodbye to their guests. "The next time I take your wife out, Mr. Warriner," he said, "I hope you buy a new car." Jerry cut in. "Or else I'll loan you mine. By the way, are you hungry?"  
"Why, yes, I'm starved," Armand boomed.  
"Then why not run out and eat a bite?" Jerry suggested pointedly.  
Levalle stared at Jerry. "Mr. Warriner, what have I done?" he asked.  
"That's what I'm going to find out," Jerry replied grimly.  
"Why, Jerry, you can't believe —"  
"Well, discuss it in private," Jerry said. "That is, if Mr. Levalle remembers where we keep our door."  
Lucy bowed stiffly and left. Jerry turned to Lucy.  
"Now, what have you to say for yourself?" he demanded.  
Lucy sighed. "You know, I know you were going to say just that," she said. Then she began to speak, patiently — as a mother explains something in the simplest terms to a child. "Armand was invited to the

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## Those Mythical Russians

## Truth About the Great War Hoax

By "AN OLD STAGER"

NOT having a private warehouse at my disposal, I have had to adopt a strict self-denying ordinance regarding books. I have made it my habit not to keep any volumes which do not in my opinion include them selves among the literary classics, either actually or potentially. But there is an exception to every rule, and the exception to this particular one of mine is books about the Great War.

In a corner of my study are substantial shelves containing perhaps fifty or sixty volumes, all of which are War books. It is my private confession that there is not a solitary potential classic amongst the lot, and my collection, let me assure you, omits none which has any real pretension to distinction. All of them have merit, some great merit, and most are interesting, but not one seems to me fully adequate to its theme. The majority, when one comes to size them up, are quite disappointing.

My theory is that the wrong people have written our War books. Nearly everybody of military age was engaged in some capacity in the 1914-18 business, and of course the people with literary leanings, if as often happened, they managed to survive, wrote books about it. But the very last type of mentality to produce a really good book about the Great War is the literary person. He is much too self-conscious, far too intent on getting his literary effects, and, above all, entirely too emotionally flamboyant. The right man to undertake a War book is a bona-fide soldier.

## Twenty Years After

Not necessarily a professional soldier, but a man with the genuine hard-boiled campaigner's outlook and angle of life. Take an instance in point. Innumerable writers have published books about the French Foreign Legion. But, having read them all, I have no hesitation in saying that the only one of real value is Frederic Martyn's "Life in the Legion." Most of the others, even some of the most successful, merely exploit his superb but absolutely unconscious human document. Frederic Martyn was a soldier, with experience of the British Army, both as a commissioned officer and in the ranks. He tells the story of the Legion Etienne as it actually is, without any sentimental or emotional garnishings, and his straightforward, matter-of-fact recital makes the twopenny-coloured romances of the literary gents look like a Christmas supplement.

What is true in this particular case is even more true of the books about the Great War. The long-haired, temperamental literary blokes dip their pens in earthquake and eclipse, and pile on the agony, but for the most part they completely fail to capture the true high lights and low shades of the Great War. From the point of view of the front-line fighting man, by far the most satisfactory publication that has been printed about the 1914-1918 adventure is the illustrated review, "Twenty Years After," which has appeared in week-end numbers edited by the very distinguished and level-headed soldier, Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton.

K.B.E., C.B. Let me add that I have never met the Major-General, have no personal concern in the publication, and have not contributed to it. My criticism is therefore entirely impartial and honest.

## Fear of Reprisals

The main feature of the review is supposed to be its photographs of familiar and unfamiliar war scenes, as they were then and are now. The contrast is usually startling beyond words, and intensely interesting to all those who knew them "then." But what I have found most fascinating is the authentic and first-hand story of what actually happened in various phases of the terrible conflict by men who played an intimate part in those phases.

Take, for instance, the gunner officer's perfectly true story of the evacuation of the Western Front, all the most elaborate details of which were up to me because Headquarters cancelled the first target. That target was an enemy headquarters, and the shoot was cancelled because our Headquarters feared the enemy might retaliate in kind on them! Or the reply given by the Headquarters Staff to a request for certain ammunition because it was ascertained that 10 per cent. of the shells, owing to losing their copper bands in the gun, fell short amongst our own troops. The reply was that, if 90 per cent. fell amongst the Germans, the battery must carry on!

These are intimate glimpses into the realities, as apart from the mawkish romance, of battle, murder, and sudden death. But what drew me to this subject was a most revealing, and, though chapter of fact, and most thrilling, chapter on spies and intelligence. I have space to deal with only one detail in this thrilling revelation of the brains behind the fighting men.

Everybody remembers that amazing Russian myth which was the gossip of the whole country early in the war. I suppose there never was a more startling example of mass hypnotism. Everybody believed that thousands of Russian troops from Archangel were passing in troop trains from Scotland right through England to embark for some Continental rendezvous. What is more, innumerable truthful people firmly persuaded themselves that they had actually seen them with their own eyes. The most circumstantial details were current.

## The Plain Unvarnished

## Truth

Suburban residents glimpsed the Russian fur caps at train windows. Railway porters were seen brushing up the snow from the Russians' boots! The exact number of railway station automatic machines that were out of order, owing to the Russians trying to push koppeks instead of pennies into the slots, was forthcoming. These are only a few of the authentic details that clinched the great Russian myth of 1914.

Now let us have the plain unvarnished truth. It is almost too fantastic to be true. The Russian hoax was the invention of two naval officers employed by numbers edited by the very distinguished and level-headed soldier, Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton, der to get the German Admiralty to

focus their attention on the North Sea, Russian transports, at a time when our Channel transports and supplies were only too vulnerable to attack. The myth spread beyond its inventors' most sanguine expectations.

The German Higher Command immediately concluded that an invasion of the Fatherland was intended. They moved large forces of German troops to various coastal centres to be in readiness to repel the threat.

## Gilbertian Situation

Then the plot thickened still further. Our own Army Intelligence, which was of course perfectly water-tight, and had no truck at all with the Navy's similar staff, heard about these ominous German coastal moves, and jumped at once to the thrilling conclusion that Germany intended to invade this country! All troop movements from this country to France were stopped at once, and our home defence forces concentrated at strategic positions in East Anglia to be in readiness to meet the coming German landing.

It was some time before the truth leaked out officially and the story had never been made public until Major-General Swinton's admirable review told it in full.

This is a fair sample of the absorbing interest with which this publication is compact, and explains why, in my opinion, the future historian of whom we hear so much will pass over all the literary War books to quarry in the authentic matter-of-fact gold mine. The literary men in buckram will not interest posterity. Future students of the Great War will prefer Major-General Swinton's plain, unvarnished tale.

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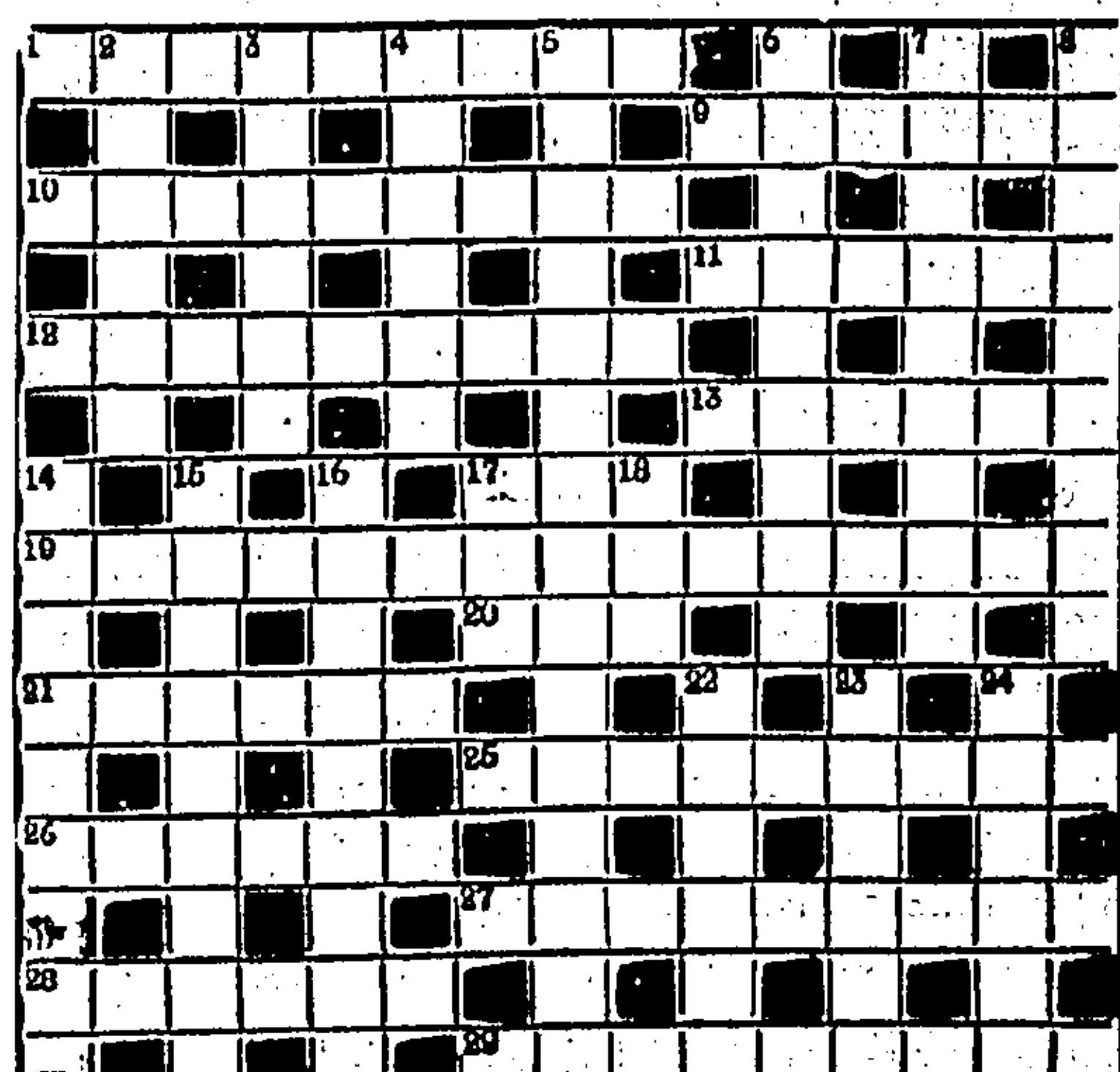
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"Armand and I had to stay all night at an inn."  
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you ever get days when you want to walk out of your office and look up the kind of people you used to choose around with before you were married?"

"But when you feel like going on a tear," Frank said, "why don't you take Lucy with you?"

Jerry shook his head. "No, Lucy wouldn't like my old gang. She's not much of a mixer, you know. She's particular about who she knows, and she takes a drink — and so damn proper. She'd think they were pretty rough."

Frank shook his head. "You're a fool if I ever saw one. You have the most perfect wife any man ever had and —"

"I know it," Jerry interrupted. "Lucy's perfect. Too perfect. Her behavior is always correct, her perfection is unquestioned." Jerry sighed. Sometimes I wish she'd be a little human for a change."

Frank laughed. "I'll remember that," he said.

"You have a fat chance. She just sits around and waits for me to come home. Makes me feel like a rat."

"Maybe you are one," Frank said. "Anyhow, what about stopping off at my house when you get through here for a cocktail? The Barnards and Viola Heath are going to be there."

"I have much better idea. Let's pick up the gang and bring them all over to surprise Lucy."

But Lucy wasn't at home when Jerry and the crowd arrived to surprise her.

"Never mind. She'll probably be along before we finish our cocktails," Jerry said. "She probably ran up to her Aunt Fairy's cabin. She usually does if she gets lonely."

At that moment the hall door opened and Lucy Warriner came in. Tall slender and graceful, with a strikingly vivacious face and a ready smile, Lucy was decidedly ornamental, especially in the evening wrap and the clinging gown she was wearing.

"Darling!" he cried. "Jerry took her in his arms and kissed her. "See, it's good to see you!" he said. Then he looked over Lucy's shoulder toward the door.

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**LET US  
WORK FOR PEACE**

"SHALL we sit back and let the nations plunge on to world war or shall we cry halt to this mad arms race and work for peace?"

On the eve of the launching of Labour's National Campaign for Peace and Security, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Party, asks these vital questions.

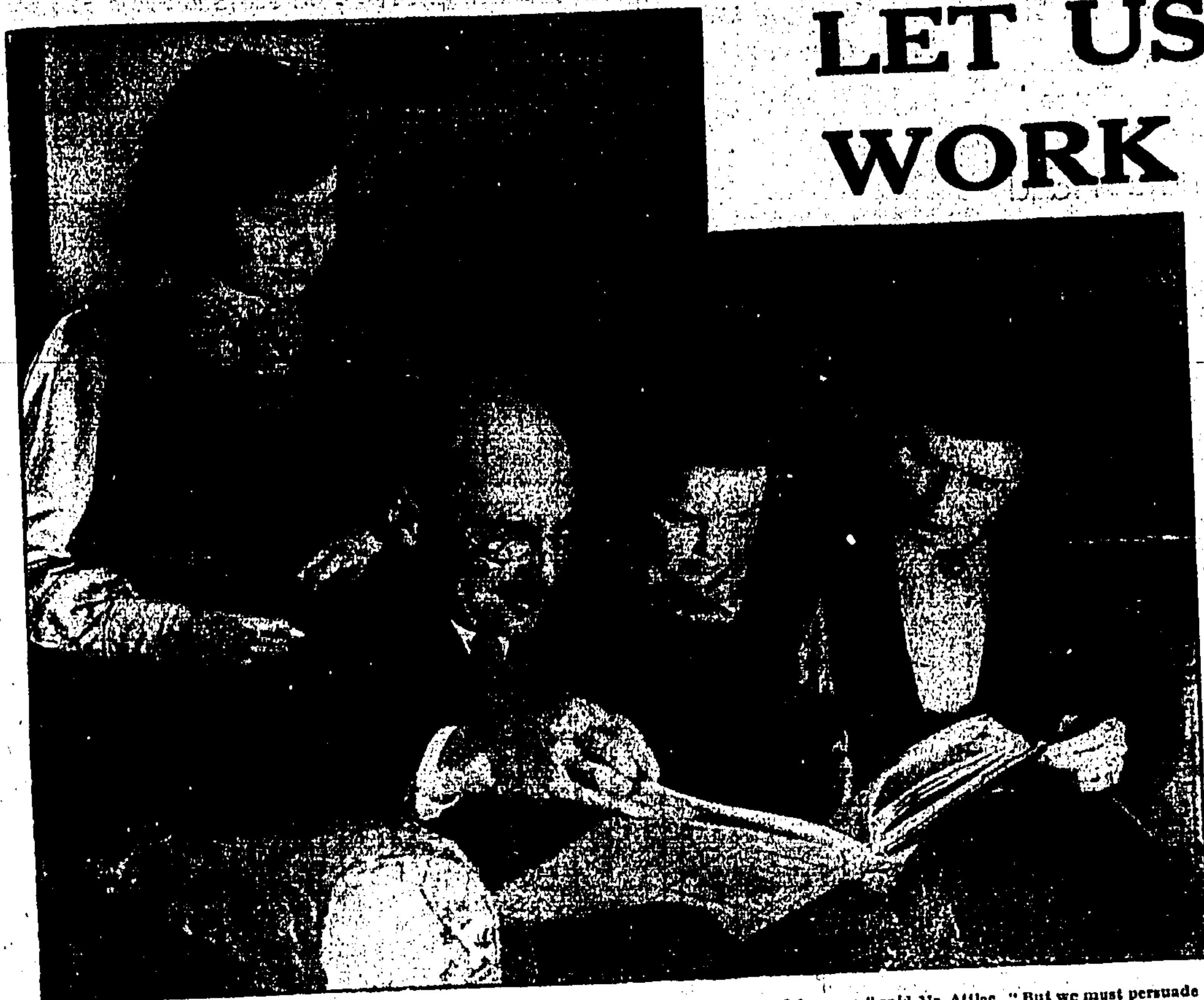
But this time he asks them not only as the Leader of a great Party, but also as a husband and a father, head of a small family for whose sake, and for the sake of all, he is passionately anxious to see war banished from the world.

For this picture-interview Mr. Attlee talked to the "Daily Herald" at his home at Stanmore, Middlesex, just after breakfast, before Felicity and Alison left for school.

Against the background of his own home life his plea for peace, and for Labour's plan for peace, brings home vividly what is the paramount issue in the world to-day.



"No one with children of their own can look at the picture of that little child left in the shambles of a railway station destroyed by Japanese bombers without a pang of conscience. Everyone must take a share in the responsibility for allowing such things to happen."



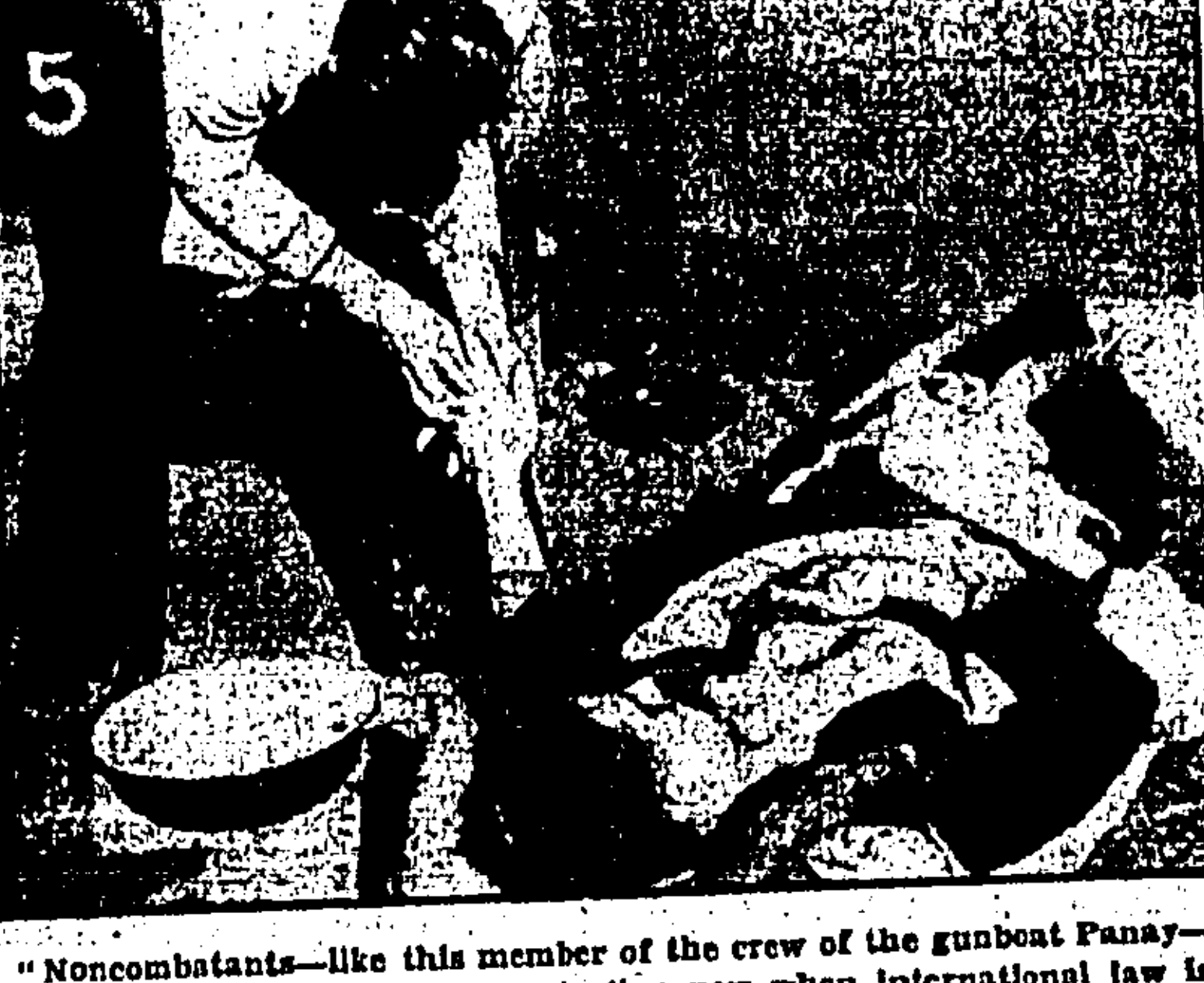
"The common people in this and every other country—families like mine here—hate and fear war," said Mr. Attlee. "But we must persuade them that it is not enough simply to desire peace. They must all work for it."



"This bombing of a hospital in Abyssinia—like the bombing of defenceless people in Spain and China—settles no problems. There is a way to end it: by eliminating the struggle for markets and colonial possessions which cause war, and by a united front of peace loving nations determined not to tolerate aggression by the strong against the weak."



"The tragedy of these Spanish mothers whose children have been butchered by the bombs of aggressors is a pitiful reminder that there is no security so long as war-making nations are allowed their way."



"Noncombatants—like this member of the crew of the gunboat Panay—and civilians alike have no protection now when international law is dead. Yet we are asked to prop up the tottering rule of dictators who ignore all civilised codes. Compromise and surrender to them will not lead us to peace."

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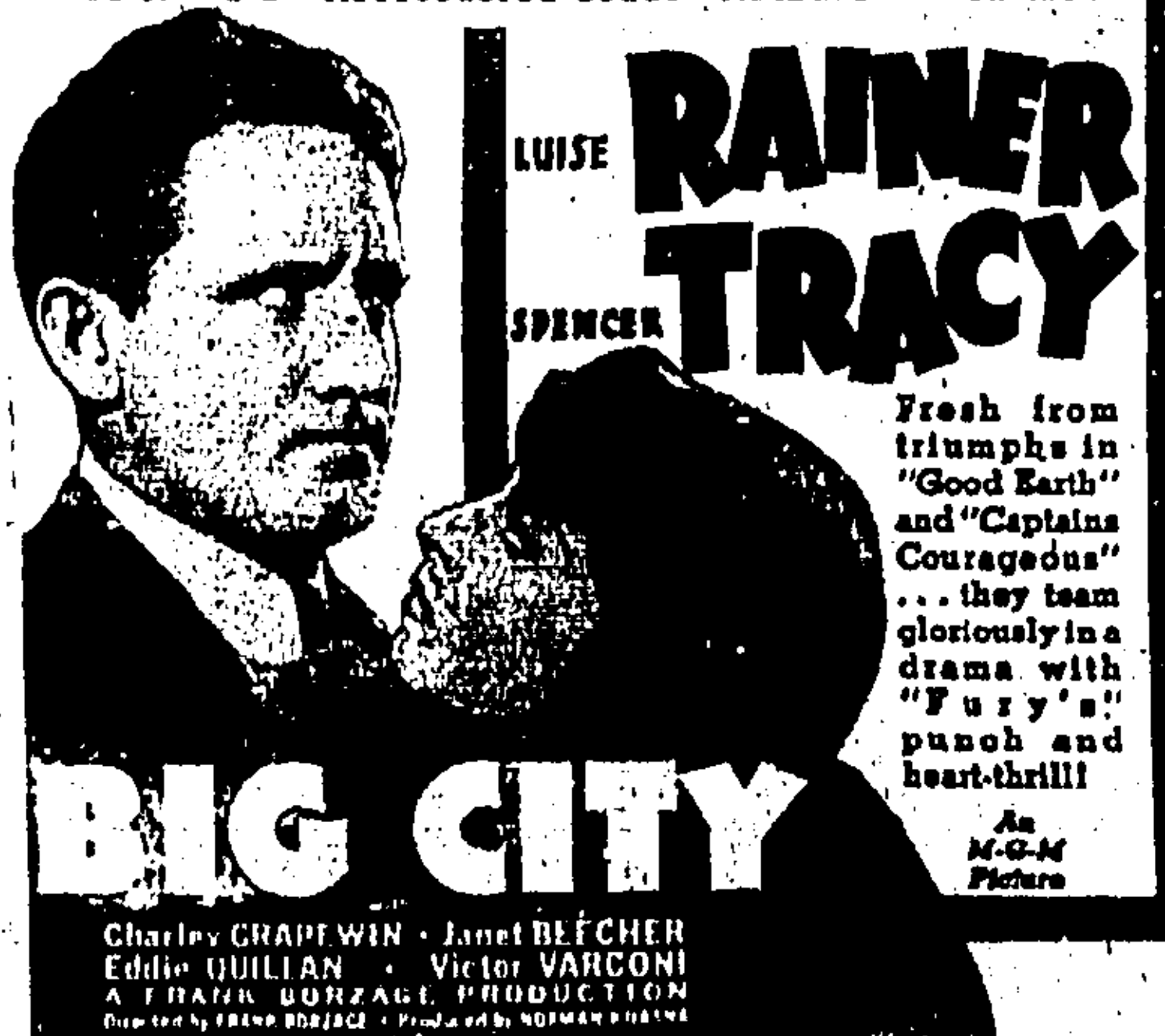
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The new rates came into force at midnight this morning. They represent reductions amounting, in some instances to one-fifth of the old rates.

The reductions apply to all parts of the British Empire, including Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories.

## FIGHTING RAGES ON 100-MILE FRONT

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Taierchwang and marching through the battered town to wipe out the memory of their earlier defeat the Japanese command seems to be resorting to its favoured tactics of another flanking movement by shifting the main forces for a bid on Pehlsen and Tancheng, 50 kilometres to the east.

To forestall the Japanese attempt, close contact has been secured between the Chinese right wing on the Taierchwang front and the Chinese forces north of Pehlsen and north-west of Tancheng.

### Holding Ground

Sporadic fighting throughout the line broke out yesterday and early this morning, with the Chinese firmly holding their ground.

Fresh reinforcements, at the same time, were rushed to strengthen the defence of the eastern section of the Lunghai railway.

Early yesterday morning, the Japanese at Yihien opened a heavy attack on the Chinese positions north of Nilkov but were repulsed by the Chinese troops.

Three thousand Japanese artillery and infantry forces, which launched an offensive from the south-east of Yihien on Lientangshan, to the north-west of Pehlsen, were routed after a bitter struggle with the Chinese forces which lasted four hours on the afternoon of April 23.—Central News.

### Chinese, Raiders At Tschow

Chengchow, Apr. 25. A strong force of Chinese guerrillas, swooping down on the Japanese aerodrome at Tschow, destroyed the oil supplies storehouses in a surprise raid on the night of April 22. In a previous raid recently, it will be remembered, the Chinese forces succeeded in destroying a Japanese plane on the ground.—Central News.

## BRITAIN FRAMING FRIENDLY TREATIES

Accord With Eire Only One Phase Of Activities

### Diplomats Head For London

London, Apr. 24.

Despite the developments in Central Europe, Spain and the Far East still claim a prominent place in the public eye. London will also be a very important centre of interest during the week-end.

Following the arrival of the Irish leaders to-day, an agreement between Britain and Eire will be signed to-morrow after a luncheon at No. 10 Downing Street, where the signatories will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chamberlain.

It is now generally understood that the agreement will extend to defence as well as trade tariffs and land annuities. It is believed the latter will be settled by an arrangement whereby annuities payments will be devoted to defence, though the text of the agreement will not be published until Tuesday morning.

It is hoped that the agreement will open a new chapter in Anglo-Irish relations, bringing a friendlier feeling than for many years.

Monday will also see an important meeting of the Cabinet in order to hear the proposals for Sir John Simon's first budget, which will be revealed in the House of Commons on Tuesday. This will be followed on Wednesday by the arrival of M. Edouard Daladier, the French Premier, and Mr. Georges Bonnet, War Minister, for conversations with Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, which are opening on Thursday. It is understood they will have three long conferences before returning to Paris on Friday.

The agenda is still being drafted, but points which will be discussed are expected to include the relations of Britain and France with Italy and Germany, the question of the recognition of the Italian conquest of Abyssinia, the future of Spain and the Spanish Islands, the colonial question, and the problems of Central Europe.

The French Ministers, it is expected, will explain how France would assist Czechoslovakia if called on to do so.

A British loan to France is not now believed to be included on the agenda.—Reuter.

## Arctic Party Reports On Findings

Moscow, April 24.

Professor Otto Schmidt, bearded hero of a number of Arctic expeditions, who was recently reported to be in "disgrace," was present at a meeting of the Soviet Academy of Sciences here during the week-end, and made a short speech.

Three of the four scientists who spent nine months drifting on an ice-ice, reported to the meeting on the work they had carried out, and related interesting results of depth soundings in the Central Polar basin, and showed samples of ground taken from a depth of two and a half miles.

The Academy decided to institute a prize to commemorate the exploit of the ice-ice scientists. It will be awarded every three years for the best scientific achievement in the Arctic regions.—Reuter.

## Pacification Parley

Japanese Concerned For Welfare Of New Government

Peking, Apr. 25.

A conference of all Japanese pacification officers, and also Japanese advisers to all the Hainan magistrates, assembled here yesterday under the auspices of General Kila's special Military Affairs Bureau, presumably to discuss ways and means of more effectively converting the Chinese populace to accept the Provisional Government rule.

One officer said that 20 officials had been killed by plain-clothesmen during the past few months, and many were privately expressing a desire to return to their safer and better paid jobs in Manchukuo.

The Yung Pao says that the Provisional Government is shortly appointing a Governor in Shanghai. The paper predicts that Sul Tu-yun is one of the most likely candidates for the position.—United Press.

## JAPAN PLANS EXPLOITATION OF CHINA ON LARGE SCALE

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for the co-ordinated development of various resources.—United Press. Experts said official control would not be limited to matters relating to production but they would also consider distribution and sales.

They said that the question of competition with similar industries in Japan and Manchukuo would receive attention. Certain territorial price agreements with Japanese and Manchukuo firms would become necessary.

They said that the subsidiaries would probably be formed soon after the ¥300,000,000 North China Development Company was formally organised, and after the terms of the bill had been approved by the Japanese Diet during its last session.

Baron Selmouke Go, President of the Japan Economic Federation, recently accepted the chairmanship of the organisation committee of the new firm.—United Press.

## EGYPT'S TARIFFS NOT POPULAR WITH BRITAIN

Cairo, Apr. 24.

The British Embassy has handed to the Egyptian Government a note expressing the British Government's serious misgivings regarding the increases in tariffs on cotton, piece goods and yarns, instituted on April 11.

The note declares that Britain considers the tariffs may further damage trade between Lancashire and Egypt.—Reuter.

## JAPAN CONSERVES METAL FOR WAR

Tokyo, Apr. 25.

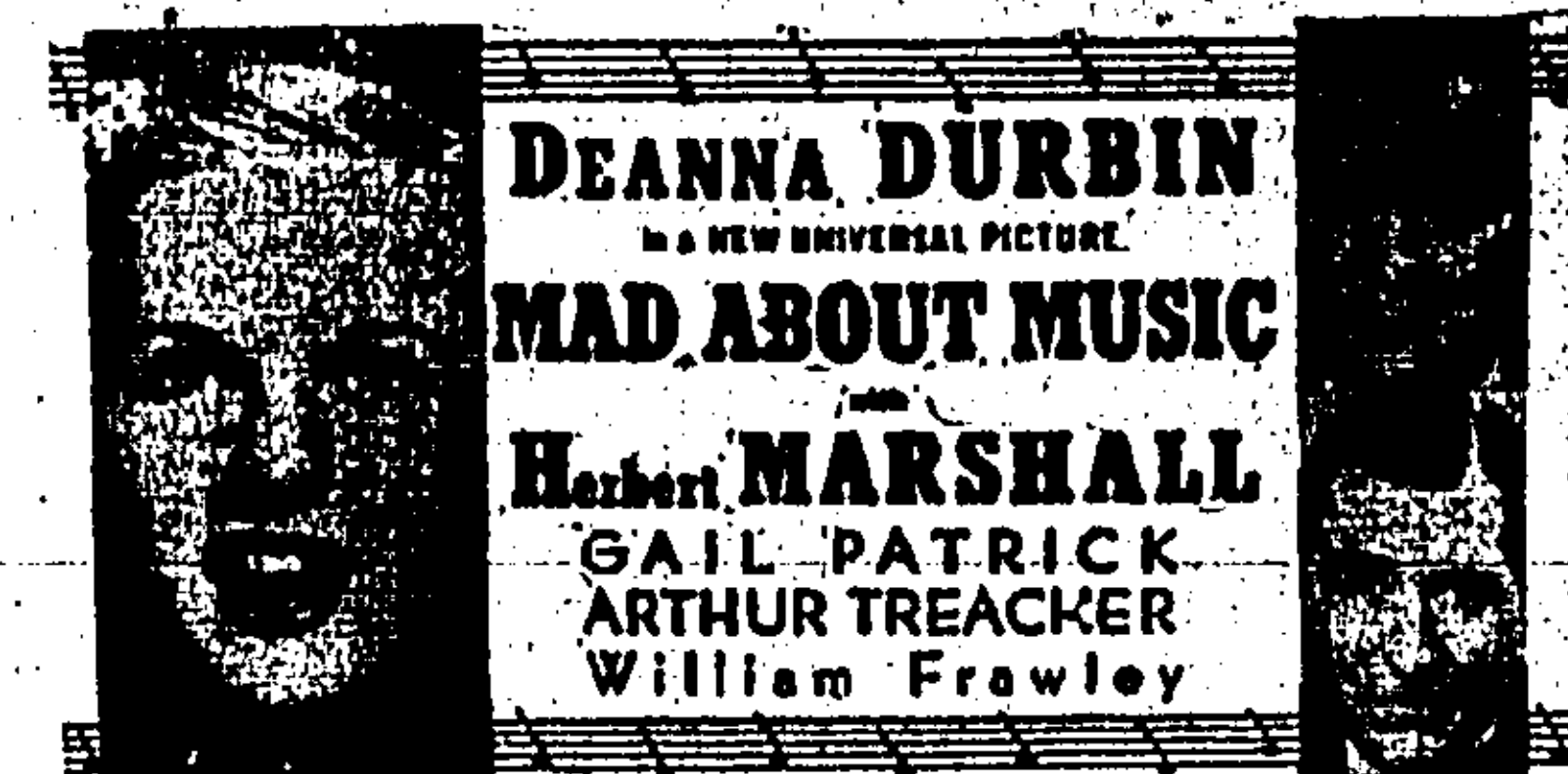
An order to conserve pig-iron, which is essential for war material, is made by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to-day, which announces new regulations for restriction of the use of metal for the manufacture of cast-iron articles.

The new rules are applicable on May 15. The makers of iron braziers, ash trays, and iron poles will be among those affected by the new regulations.—Reuter.

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## STOP PRESS NEWS

### SOURCE OF MAIL FIRE EXPLAINED

The analyst's report on two of the mail fires which have occurred in Hongkong within the last eight days, has been received at the same time as the arrival of M. Chaplain of the Shanghai Post Office here to assist in police investigations.

The Postmaster-General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, stated to-day that on this report there was no evidence to show that a bomb or ignition apparatus was responsible for the destruction of the mail. The analyst had found considerable traces of caustic soda which led him to believe that packages containing metallic sodium—a highly inflammable substance in a naked state—were contained in the mail and that this chemical started the fire. The proximity of films in the first case added to the flames.

These facts probably accounted for the fires which destroyed and damaged mail in the General Post Office on Sunday and Monday last week, said Mr. Wynne-Jones. That mail was sent from Shanghai for Hankow, Chungking, Changsha and the interior.

As regards the steamer Kwang-tung's mail fire yesterday, the cause was unknown but the mail on board had been received from a variety of places.

Question as to the legality of such articles as metallic sodium and films in the mail, Mr. Wynne-Jones said that films were allowed to be sent through the mail provided they were in certain packed-tins within a wooden box. In this case, the films were in tins but were not in a wooden box. As regards chemicals, etc., it was prohibited to mail corrosive and inflammable substances.

The responsibility for the presence of such articles in the mail rested with the dispatching Post Office, agreed Mr. Wynne-Jones. He added that Hongkong would not normally be concerned with these incidents since the mails would have gone straight through instead of being landed here for re-transmission. Hongkong was acting as an exchange for mail because of the hostilities.

The Postmaster-General stated that Shanghai was immediately informed by cable of the occurrence.

### Fleet Going To Weihaiwei

It was announced this morning that the China Fleet would leave Hongkong for Weihaiwei on or about June 2. The decision finally puts at rest rumours that Weihaiwei would be abandoned because of Japanese occupation of the area.

The Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, will leave for Shanghai in H.M.S. Falmouth on May 7.

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## JAPANESE PRESSURE ENORMOUS

### Invaders Driven Out Of Hopei, Shansi Towns

#### TERRIBLE CASUALTIES ON LONG BATTLE FRONT

Hankow, Apr. 25.

At dawn this morning the Chinese command ordered a general offensive along the entire line north of Taierschwang, in a determined attempt to turn back the Japanese forces, which are pushing southward from Yihien towards Taierschwang.

The result of the offensive was not known by mid-morning, but the situation at Tancheng is admitted to be critical.—*Reuter*.

#### JAPANESE AIMING TO PUSH ON SOUTH

Hankow, Apr. 25.

Heavy fighting was reported all day yesterday from the vicinity of Tancheng, but there is no indication that either the Japanese or Chinese made important gains.

The Japanese are aiming at pushing on south from Linyi through Tancheng in order to cut the Lunghai railway at Sinancheng, on the border of Kiangsu and Shantung. If the move is successful, it will not only mean that the railway is finally cut in one place, but will present a serious threat to the Chinese right flank, should the Japanese troops move to the right and advance along the railway to Hsuehchow.

The Chinese forces west of Taierschwang will therefore be compelled to fall back on the Grand Canal.

These forces may be forced to fall back anyway, as the Japanese are furiously attacking Taierschwang from the direction of Yihien. Three Chinese columns are putting up a stubborn defence in a position north of Taierschwang and they give no sign of cracking.

Another threat to the Lunghai railway comes from the Japanese who are pushing on relentlessly to Pihien in Kiangsu on the east bank of the Grand Canal, and are only six miles from the railway. However, the Chinese are stated to be holding Pihien.—*Reuter*.

#### Rains Slow Attackers

Shanghai, Apr. 25.

Heavy rains have impeded the movement of heavy Japanese artillery and motorised units, but they failed to stop the warfare on the 100-mile Shantung front, after a Japanese communiqué had claimed occupation of Tancheng, 15 miles north of the Lunghai railway and east of Pihien.

Unconfirmed foreign reports state that the German adviser, Herr von Falkenhayn, is in virtual command of the Chinese forces on the Lunghai railway, while General Shun Shiroku, the noted tactician, has allegedly assumed command of all the Japanese troops north of the Yangtze.

A Japanese spokesman refused to confirm or deny General Terauchi's recall. However, foreign military observers believe that it is "very possible."

#### Tancheng's Capture Claimed

Continuing their steam-roller advance southward from Shantung, Japanese reports state that Japanese planes are bombing Chinese forces retreating to Kiangsu, where they are drawing up new lines with Pihien.—*United Press*.

## JAPANESE RETAKE HOHSIEN

Owing To Renewed Chinese Pressure

Shanghai, Apr. 25.

Another indication of Chinese pressure on the south Yangtze sector was given by a Japanese spokesman this morning with the sudden announcement that Holsien had been re-occupied by the Japanese.

Holsien is a town between Wuhu and Nanking, near which the Panay was sunk. The spokesman stated that the Japanese had withdrawn from Holsien recently for strategic reasons, and because everything was quiet. They had now been forced to re-occupy the town owing to military necessities.—*Reuter*.

## NO INCOME TAX RAISE FORECAST

London, April 25.

The British taxpayer is sighing with relief at the confident and widespread reports that Britain's £1,000,000,000 budget, which was completed by Sir John Simon in his study at his Surrey home last night, does not contain an increase in the income tax.

There is also general agreement that a considerable slice of the extra funds required will be provided by measures to check tax evasion, and the rest will come from indirect taxation, probably on luxury commodities.

But as to what particular commodities are likely to be affected, political correspondents suggest a bewildering variety of possibilities, but nothing resembling a consensus of opinion.—*Reuter*.

## Coast Steamship Officers' Strike Threatens

CHINESE "MOP UP"



In Taierschwang, near which large-scale fighting is again going on, Chinese troops recently routed a strong Japanese force. Here are troops "mopping up" the area and even the high-speed camera only caught their movements as a blur as they dashed through shell-fire (smoking debris in foreground) to bomb the Japanese rear-guard.

## Churchmen Threatened By Purge

Soviet May Close Moscow Churches

Moscow, Apr. 24.

The Archbishop and Bishop of Moscow are among a dozen clergy charged with membership of an underground anti-Soviet terrorist organization, engaged in espionage on behalf of the Fascist powers, and of plotting to overthrow the Soviet regime.—*Reuter*.

#### MONKS, NUNS IMPRISONED

Moscow, Apr. 24.

During the Greek Orthodox Church's Easter services, which have been drawing thousands of people in attendance, officials announced that a gigantic liquidation was underway, threatening to close Moscow's churches.

Officials charge ecclesiastic counter-revolutionaries with being allied to Germany and Japan and plotting to overthrow the Government. They revealed that the purge was concentrated in the Moscow district, and that they had already gaoled nearly a dozen monks and nuns, charged with advocating devout sabotage and of spying.

Although officials have not molested the faithful who rejected the suggestion that they should boycott the Easter services, the newspapers chose the time to renew demands for intensification of anti-religious propaganda.

It is noteworthy that most of the worshippers who braved the deterring rain were nearly all old women, indicating the effectiveness of Soviet propaganda among the nation's youth.

The theatres offered special attractions and competed with the churches. Moscow's anti-religious museum featured an anti-Easter display.—*United Press*.

## Report Of Bombing Repudiated

Macao Affair Said To Be Fabricated

Shanghai, Apr. 25.

The reports that two Chinese passenger vessels had been sunk by Japanese planes near Macao yesterday, was described to-day by a Japanese naval spokesman as a malicious fabrication, with an obvious ulterior motive.

The spokesman maintained that the only attack recently made on Chinese vessels was on April 17, when a number of Chinese craft were sunk, following an attack on a Japanese warship.—*Reuter*.

## Canada Offers Aircraft To Great Britain

Ottawa, Apr. 24.

Representatives of Canadian aircraft manufacturers visited the Deputy Minister of National Defence, and offered him the entire facilities of Canada for the Empire's needs.

They asked the Minister to convey offers to the British Aircraft Mission which is due to reach the United States in the coming week.—*Reuter*.

## WORLD SLUMP AVOIDED

British Expert Praises Roosevelt

London, Apr. 24.

Sir George Paish, economic adviser to the Lloyd George Cabinet, in an interview to-day, expressed the opinion that President Roosevelt's "pump-priming" would temporarily save the world from almost complete economic collapse.

Commenting on President Roosevelt's programme, he said: "I feared a world economic breakdown late in the spring. Now the outlook for at least a year is changed."

He regarded the release of frozen gold as one of the most important points of the programme. He said: "The main causes of the present depression in the United States was the cessation of Government expenditures. You cannot stop vast expenditures like that without reducing buying power."

Sir George said the new programme would "put considerable money into circulation while lavish expenditures were likely to make a marked business recovery. Furthermore, in the event of private enterprise being encouraged, due to revisions in taxation, and other measures, a very broad recovery of trade may be witnessed."

He expressed the opinion that the recession in the United States had had repercussions throughout the world, observing: "The United States is normally a large buyer of rubber, wool, coffee, sugar, and other commodities. When the United States curtailed purchases, lower commodity prices throughout the world followed."

It is noteworthy that Sir George Paish predicted the present world financial difficulties ten years ago, and he also predicted the United States series of bank crashes a year before they occurred.—*United Press*.

## Soviet Holds Rose Cohen In Solitary Confinement

Strong Protest Lodged

Moscow, Apr. 24.

A vigorous British protest has followed the recent discovery that a British woman Communist, Rose Cohen, has been undergoing solitary confinement during the past eight months.

Persistent efforts by the British Embassy to obtain the bare admission of her arrest were fruitless until last week, when M. Potemkin admitted that she was arrested on August 13, and that she would be charged with espionage and conspiracy.

Viscount Chilton, British Ambassador, formally protested that the Soviet had acted in disregard of the agreement under which the Soviets undertook to notify all arrested British subjects.

Viscount Chilton stated that Britain takes a very grave view of the unsatisfactory state of affairs revealed by the Cohen and similar cases, which disregard the elementary principles of international comity, and which threatens jeopardy to Anglo-Soviet relations.

He requested that every effort be made to ensure that the woman Cohen be brought to trial without delay, that the British Embassy be furnished with details of the charges against her, and that permission be given Embassy officials to visit her in prison.

Rose Cohen has been for many years foreign editor of the semi-official Moscow Daily News. She was born in London in 1894.—*Reuter*.

## Rome-Berlin Axis Flaws Suspected

Purpose Of Hitler's Visit To Rome Examined

Berlin, Apr. 24.

Well-informed circles have predicted that Herr Adolf Hitler, during his visit to Rome, will discuss possible flaws in the Rome-Berlin axis as a result of the Anglo-Italian accord.

However, it is generally believed that Italy-German co-operation in Spain has strengthened the axis sufficiently to withstand any British pressure.

It is believed that the pact might be the opening wedge for a four-power pact in which the Reich would finally succeed in divorcing the Franco-Russian and Czech-Slovakian alliances.—*United Press*.

## Fleet Going To Weihaiwei

It was announced this morning that the China Fleet would leave Hongkong for Weihaiwei on or about June 2. The decision finally puts at rest rumours that Weihaiwei would be abandoned because of Japanese occupation of the area.

## CIANO LEAVES FOR ALBANIA

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, left here for Tirana yesterday to attend the wedding of Albania's King Zog.

Count Ciano's departure means that the Franco-Italian negotiations will be interrupted for a few days.—*United Press*.

## GUILD DECIDES ON ULTIMATUM TO OPERATORS TO-DAY

### Rejects Offers From Certain Companies

A major waterfront crisis is developing in Hongkong.

The China Coast Officers' Guild, at a meeting yesterday, rejected offers by certain shipping companies, and in letters which will be despatched to-day by the Secretary, Mr. W. E. Kirby, will deliver a virtual ultimatum to the companies concerned, giving 48 hours' notice in which to reply to demands for salary increases for deck officers and engineers. Unless demands are met a strike may be called.

It is stated that coastal companies affected are Messrs. Williamson & Co., Messrs. Peters & Co., and the Wo Fat Sing Company, and all the river companies with the exception of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company.

## IMPORTANT GAINS BY INSURGENTS

Fall Of Castellon Now Imminent

Hondaye, Apr. 25.

Converging insurgent columns have reached Torre Blanc, 22 miles outside of Castellon, after seizing the three main highways, and forcing the Loyalists from the Valdancha Mountains.

Concentrating an offensive on the southern edge, 50 miles from the coastal wedge, the insurgents entered the rich orange, lemon and almond country.

Mountain fighting covered 100 square miles, columns of Moors and Galicians being engaged along the Sierra Carbonera ridge to Tosal de Horenga, from where they dominated the roads to Castellon from Ablocaer, Cueva de Vinroma and Alcala de Chivert.

It is predicted that the capture of Castellon will be accomplished in a few days, and this will hamper Madrid's food communications. Here the insurgents will be able to establish a base from where to attack Valencia.

Meanwhile the Loyalists have resisted heavy pressure on Tortosa.—*United Press*.

## DEATH OF NOTED ARCHITECT

Sir Guy Dawber Of Garden Design Fame

London, April 25.

The death is recorded of Sir Guy Dawber, Kt., R.A., F.R.S., of King's Lynn, Norfolk.—*Reuter*.

Sir Guy Dawber was a noted architect and garden designer. He was President of the Royal Institute of British Architects from 1925 to 1927, and President of the Architectural Association from 1904 to 1909. He was awarded the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture in 1928. At one time he was vice-President and Chairman of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.

Certain river companies offered a 15 per cent. temporary and conditional bonus in response to the Guild's original demands for increased salaries.

This bonus offer was declined at yesterday's meeting of the Guild, which decided that the 15 per cent. offer would be considered only as a definite increase in salary, incorporated into ships Articles of Agreement.

A reply to this demand has been requested within 48 hours.

In the case of the three coastal lines concerned in the dispute, the Guild has requested, within 48 hours, favourable replies to its demands for increased scales of pay to replace the Hongkong Arbitration Award scale of 1919, one month's leave on full ranking pay for each year of service, a Provident Fund or some alternative scheme in lieu, and an increased messing allowance.

The Guild has refused an offer of 7½ per cent. additional bonus. The new scale of salaries demanded by the Guild are:

Coastal Masters	£750
Chief Engineers	700
Chief Officers and Second Engineers	550
Second Officers and 3rd Engineers (Certificated)	350

Under the old Scale the maximum pay for Masters on vessels over 2,000 tons is \$670 per month.

## STOP PRESS



# SUM yourself UP

IT'S the current craze, asking yourself searching questions. Mark this questionnaire honestly and you will learn a great many home truths. Such, for instance, as that poser under "Personality Points" about your laugh. For it is my firm belief that a pretty laugh is one of the greatest assets of charm.

If you were perfect you would be able to give yourself ten marks out of ten on every point. Not perfectly beautiful, that is, but perfectly endowed with beauty, sense. Because beauty is very largely a question of attitude. Whether you really think about the right thing to make dull hair gleam again; whether you use your hormone cream right down to the bottom of the jar; whether you remember your daily dozen as well as keeping a bright eye open for newer excitement!

So sum up and brace up! If you score anything over 120 marks you have beauty possibilities for Summer, 1938.

## TOYS for the tots

BABY, of course, puts everything, edible or otherwise, straight into his mouth if he gets a chance. Since you can't watch him every moment of the day, be careful to give him toys (1) that he can't swallow, (2) that won't poison him.

A good toy for him is a little animal made of brightly coloured beads, vegetable dyed and guaranteed not to chip. It has a cosy velvet head, and bells for toes which tinkle when it is touched. Price 3s. 11d.

FOR teething time, by far the best thing to present him with is a ring of ivory. It can't possibly hurt him, and it's soothing to the gums. The newest ones are sold in an hygienic cellophane box, with hand-painted lid. Price 4s. 6d.

## and write yourself down

How Many Marks out of Ten for each of these Questions? A "Yes" means Ten marks, a "No" means none: and the in-betweens will set you thinking.

### Face

Do I flatter its shape by clever make-up?  
Is my complexion smooth and flawless?  
Does my nose remain matt?  
Is my throat as young as my face?

### Hair

Is it silky to touch?  
Do I take care to keep its colour?  
Have I tried a new style in the last six months?

### Hands

Are they smooth and white?  
Do I use a nail-varnish that makes them look white?  
Are the cuticles irreproachable?

### Figure

Do I hold myself well?  
Are my shoulders straight?  
Is my hipline in proportion?  
Do I study the back and side views, as well as the front?

### My

### Perfume

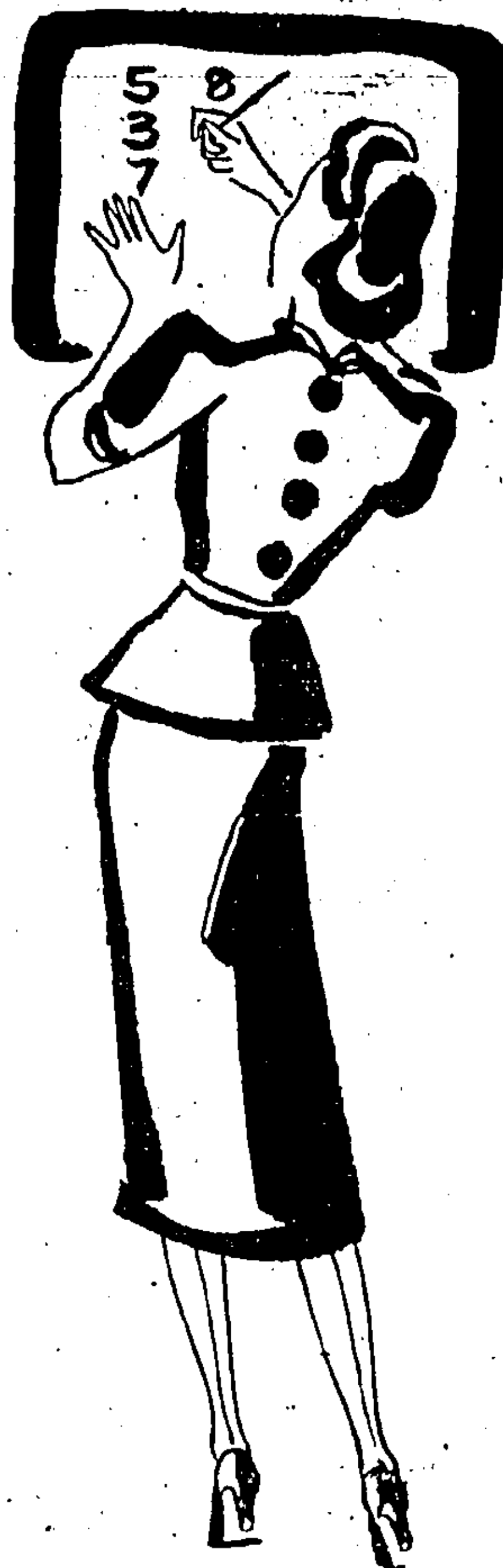
Have I chosen a perfume which I Love, and which, therefore, expresses me?  
Having chosen, do I use it consistently but not insistently?

### Personality Points

Can I say "Thank you" and "No, thank you" with equal grace?  
Is my voice soft and pleasant?  
Can I accept a compliment charmingly?  
Am I as pleasant to cross old ladies as to charming young men?  
Can I keep a conversation gay without facetiousness?  
And serious without sentimentality?  
And, most important of all, reproach without making scenes?

Yes—Total

No—Total



insertions of brilliantly coloured lace, yellow, green, wine and royal blue.

ONE of the most amusing prints is the dark green foulard patterned with little bottles with a ship inside each bottle. This dress is piped in cyclamen pink.

Some of the afternoon coats have bunches of field flowers and curls of corn and wheat on the revers to match the same pattern printed on the crepe de Chine dress. Not only colours but materials are mixed. One suit has a black taffeta knife-pleated skirt worn with a bright blue chiffon blouse and heather pink tweed jacket.

FASHIONS launched by important houses include multi-coloured dresses and coats. A coat, half red and half blue, was worn over a black lace wool dress; a long evening taffeta coat in green, blue and yellow panels, with violet and green sleeves, was worn over a violet chiffon dress.

A chiffon dance frock of cyclamen and blue panels has a silver belt. A long flowing evening coat of chiffon in broad bands of blue, green and pink has a black crepe top and is worn over a black and white printed dress.

Another new fashion is little pink satin corsets laced down the front, worn over a full-skirted dance frock of white lace, with a gathered white lace bodice. Dog collars an inch wide of embossed gold and diamante are worn with the more sophisticated frocks. Hats of stiffened tulle with turn-up saucer brims have bands of sequins to match the trimming of the dinner frocks with which they are worn.

## Fashion's Gay Outlook Produces Host Of Novel Ideas

Circus Modes Include Clown Face Prints And Crumpled Top Hats: "Gaiter" Evening Gloves: Ascot Organdies: Paper Lace Trimmings.

Plain tailored suits in dark cloth are fastened with enormous chocolate, gum drops and every imaginable kind of sweet. Among the new hats are some tall and battered top hats in felt.

Favourite colours are tan, pervenche-blue, cyclamen, and all the deeper shades of pink, clear Chinese green, wine and heather mauves.

The plain skirts are topped by tight-fitting jackets of brightly coloured shepherd's plaid most intricately piped with a contrasting colour. Severely tailored jackets in

dark materials are worn with striped or checked surah dresses or printed crepe frocks. A black suit with a short jacket banded with insertions of lace has a black skirt and a black crepe de Chine shirt patterned with

### Seen at Paris Displays

White chiffon striped with black has wide scarlet belt.

Black straw bows decorate yellow suit.

Top of the black shantung is made of white "paper" lace.

HERE is an interesting revival in millinery—the scarf draped panama. Always a becoming form of head-gear, it has a habit of reappearing in the hat salons from time to time. The model is in white panama and the veil at the back and scarf draped round the crown are in white crepe de Chine.

WHY be serious over a matter so brief and trivial as a summer dress? asks Schiaparelli, and she answers the question with her "circus" collection which is gay enough to rejoice the saddest heart.

Plain little suits with straight skirts and tight-fitting jackets are fastened with plumed horses' heads, clown's faces, and clowns wearing crumpled top-hats.

Graceful young men on the flying trapeze swing across the front of a tall straw hat, others swing around a necklace. Very bright blue crepe is printed with sad clown faces, pink crepe printed with black clowns and concertinas is used for another simple little frock, and a mauve satin bolero is embroidered with prancing white circus horses and worn with a black dress.

THE newest evening gloves are shaped like gaiters, and made of white or black satin, buttoned with different coloured boot buttons. They are worn with the more formal evening dresses.



## INDIVIDUAL SAVOURIES

THIS is an excellent dish for one person, or a number of these individual savouries can be made for the family.

Cut up some boiled onion, or any other left-over, cooked vegetable, season and line with it the bottom of individual fireproof dishes which must first be greased. Sprinkle with a little grated horseradish.

Cut up some bacon or some left-over cooked meat, and arrange a thin layer on the vegetable. Sprinkle with a little salt and pepper and more grated horseradish. Next break an egg into each. Sprinkle this also with salt and pepper, but no horseradish. Bake in the oven till egg sets. Remove from the oven, sprinkle with grated cheese, brown under the grill, and serve at once.

If you do not want to cook the savoury in an oven, fry the bacon or meat, and poach or boil the egg; arrange quickly, while hot in the dish, as described then sprinkle with cheese, and grill. Anne Morne

## New Pastry Discoveries

IN order to make your pastry "distinctive," try the following new varieties—coconut shortcake pastry, orange or lemon pastry, and egg and cheese pastry.

Coconut shortcake crust has a delightful nutty flavour, and is suitable for any sweet filling.

Mix well together 8 ozs. flour, a good half-teaspoonful baking powder, a heaped teaspoonful castor sugar, and rub in till crumbly 4 ozs. margarine.

Add three tablespoonfuls finely desiccated coconut, and mix to a stiff, smooth paste with a little beaten egg and water. Roll out fairly thinly.

Line some patty-tins with pastry—prick a few holes in bottom, then add any desired filling. Bake in a moderate oven 20 minutes.

### ORANGE OR LEMON CRUST

This will blend splendidly with apple pie.

To 8 ozs. flour allow 5 ozs. margarine, ¼ teaspoonful baking powder, 2 teaspoonfuls castor sugar, a good pinch ground ginger, a slight sprinkling of grated orange or lemon rind, and sufficient strained orange or lemon juice to bind the mixture. About 3 tablespoonfuls should be enough.

Mix all ingredients except the fruit juice and margarine. Then rub in margarine till the mixture is like fine breadcrumbs. Mix to a stiff paste with the fruit juice.

Cover your apple pie neatly, and bake in a moderate oven 40-50 minutes, till of a pale golden colour.

### EGG AND CHEESE PASTRY

This is particularly savoury. It is light and flaky—and is the perfect covering for sausage rolls. It also goes well with most meat and fish fillings.

The requirements are 12 ozs. flour, a heaped teaspoonful baking powder, pinch of salt and cayenne pepper, 8 ozs. margarine, a heaped tablespoonful finely grated cheese and 2 hard boiled eggs. The cheese should be dry—so that it grates smoothly—and the eggs must be chopped finely.

Mix flour, baking powder, pepper and salt, rub in 2 ozs. only of the margarine and add the grated cheese and chopped eggs. Mix to a stiff dough with cold water, roll into an oblong shape.

Place half the remaining margarine in small dabs on half the paste, fold over, and roll into an oblong shape once more. Repeat process with the remaining margarine.

### FOR SAUSAGE ROLLS

If you are making sausage rolls, roll into a long strip about 4 inches wide, place the skinned sausage meat (which should be flattened slightly with the rolling pin) on to one half of the pastry, fold over other half, moisten edges with milk, press lightly together then cut pastry into 3-inch lengths.

This method of preparation saves the trouble of shaping each roll separately, and the sausage meat is spread more evenly over the pastry. This pastry requires a really quick oven, in order to make it rise well, and be delicately flaky.

Good fillings for the pastry are minced cooked ham well moistened with tomato pulp, or flaked cooked haddock moistened with mustard sauce. Isabel



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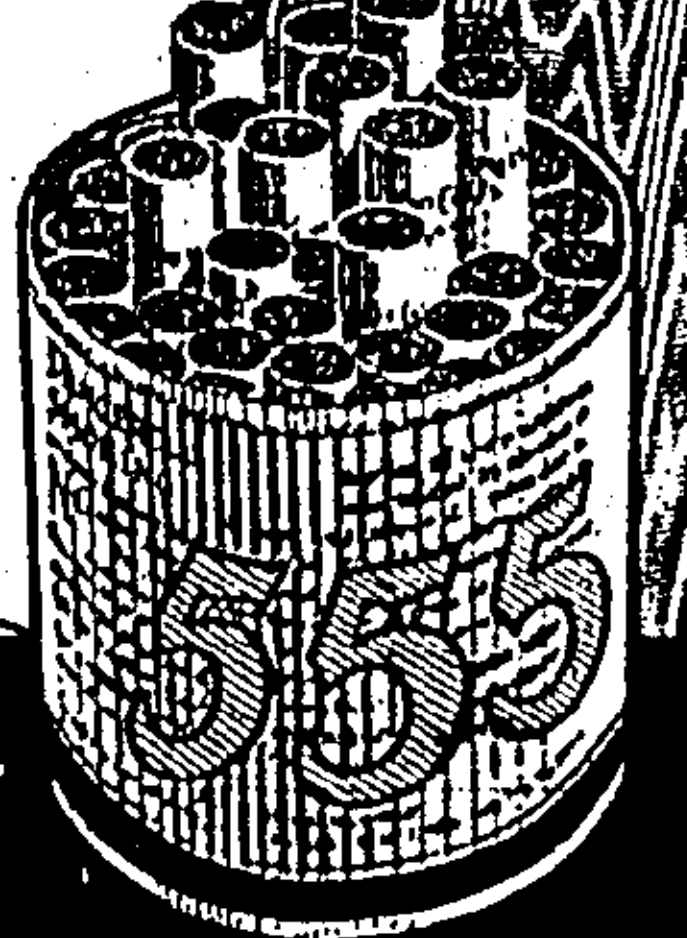
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# BRITAIN PLANS BIGGER WARSHIPS

Empire Will Spend £123,000,000 On Navy In Current Year

## 139 VESSELS ARE ALREADY ON THE STOCKS

Westminster, In the absence through illness of Mr. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. G. Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, introduced the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons this evening.

Mr. Shakespeare said that the total for which they asked for 1938 was £123,000,000 of which £30,000,000 was to come from issues from the Consolidated Fund under the Defence Loans Act.

This total of nearly £124,000,000 showed an increase compared with 1937 of £18,000,000.

The expenditure on new construction already authorised apart from the vessels to be ordered in 1938 was £41,500,000. The total number of ships in hand or to be ordered in the year was 139, exclusive of small craft.

### FIVE NEW CRUISERS

The tonnage in hand at present was 547,000, and of this amount delivery of not less than 150,000 tons was expected by March 1939. Or, put in terms of ships, they hoped by about the end of the financial year in March 1939 to have completed in the major classes of ships—

One aircraft carrier,  
Five 10,000-ton cruisers,  
Three flotillas of destroyers of eight each.

Two submarine depot ships.

The new programme would be the subject of a Supplementary Estimate. Referring to the inquiry addressed to Japan by the United States, Britain, and France regarding the qualitative limits of the London Naval Treaty, of which Japan was not a signatory, Mr. Shakespeare said that up to the present no information had been supplied by Japan.

The question had been referred back to the individual Governments, and he was not, therefore, in a position to make an announcement as to the Government's intentions.

But, for example, it was considered necessary to exceed the displacement of 35,000 tons laid down for capital ships, the House could rest assured that plans for so doing were well advanced.

Mr. Shakespeare explained that no destroyers were included in the new 1938 programme, because "when we have placed an order for the last flotilla of eight destroyers this week, in completion of the programme for the current year, we shall have no fewer than 40 destroyers on the stocks."

Of the new Singapore base, for which £800,000 was required this year for the continuation of works, Mr. Shakespeare said:

"We now have in Singapore a base suited to our needs in that part of the world in any circumstances."

"The House will appreciate the difficulty in these days of laying down a specific standard, as was done in pre-war days. Our programme then was influenced by treaties of alliance and by a policy based on a balance of power."

"That has not been the case since the war. We have since then attempted to substitute a policy of collective security based on the League. No one can argue, unfortunately, that collective security, as such, is really effective to-day. We are still engaged in making up deficiencies of past years."

### AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

Schemes for the recruitment, training, and employment of various classes of naval personnel which will in future be employed in the Fleet Air Arm have already been worked out.

"Arrangements are being made for a very close liaison with the Air Ministry, as a permanent measure, in design, supply, research and the maintenance of material and the training of personnel. To this end proposals are under consideration to increase substantially the number of naval personnel at present serving in the Air Ministry."

There were at present in commission four aircraft carriers, and five more ones were being constructed. Moreover, it was the intention to fit all capital ships and larger cruisers with aircraft operated from catapults. Provision was made for an increase from a maximum strength of 112,000 in 1937 to a maximum strength of 119,000 for the Navy for 1938. This total was the highest since 1922.

The number of men enlisted in the current year constituted a record for peace-time. They looked like having, as near as may be, what they set out to achieve—an increase of 10,000 involving the recruitment of nearly 16,000 men and boys.

Mr. Shakespeare gave details of the scheme of marriage allowance announced for officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Under present regulations, he said, the lot of the married naval officer was not without private resources, was one of constant anxiety. They had consulted officers confidentially as to whether they would prefer a flat rate of marriage allowance or a scale of marriage allowances with additions for children. On the whole they preferred the latter course, and it had been adopted.

In future marriage allowance would be payable to the married officer at the age of 35, and was applicable to all officers up to the rank of captain in the Navy or up to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Marines.

A reduction of 2s. a day was to be made in the full pay of all officers of these ranks with the exception of the few lieutenants concerned.

Marriage allowance for a captain R.N. would be 5s. 6d. a day, and for other commissioned officers 4s. 6d. The allowances for children would be the same in all cases—2s. a day for the first child and 1s. a day for each subsequent child.

Upon none more than the warrant officers did the absence of a marriage allowance in the Navy press heavily.

Warrant officers from the age of 25, and commissioned officers from warrant rank, would receive a marriage allowance of 3s. a day, with 1s. 6d. for the first child and 1s. for each subsequent child.

### MR. CHURCHILL'S FEARS

The lieutenant from warrant rank would receive 4s. 6d. a day, with 2s. 6d. a day for the first and 1s. a day for subsequent children.

As to cuts in standard rates, inherent in the scheme, the warrant officer would suffer no cut.

The commissioned officer from warrant rank would be cut from 1s. 10d. to 8d., according to seniority, and the lieutenant from warrant rank would be cut 2s.

It was felt that the automatic system of promotion discouraged zeal. It would therefore be replaced by a system of promotion by selection. It was not intended that any officers fit for promotion should be passed over. The average age for promotion to lieutenant would be accelerated and the promotion of lieutenants from warrant rank would be increased.

From May 1 an extra 6d. a day would be paid to certain ratings and Royal Marines serving on special service engagements so as to equate their scales with the scales of ratings on continuous service.

Mr. Churchill (Con., Epping), wartime First Lord of the Admiralty, said he had one or two criticisms to make, but they did not imply any want of confidence in the naval administration or the Board of Admiralty, which he believed to be of the very highest quality.

He hoped the promise which was made last year with regard to 16in. guns had been carried out, and that all plans were ready to construct them should it be necessary to move to that calibre. Otherwise a whole year might be lost.

He did not feel contented that the five battleships now being built at a cost of £40,000,000 would be armed with guns similar to those being put into contemporary vessels of all the great naval Powers.

It appeared from what Mr. Shakespeare had said that the Admiralty were satisfied that they had enough destroyers. That was news to him. He thought they were a commodity of which we could never have enough if war began.

"When we consider that we should have Germany or Italy in possession of submarines numbered by the hundred, the number of destroyers we possess is far below the demands that would be made upon them for the security of convoys, for the services of the fleets, and for all purposes of reconnaissance."

He was far from contented with the type of cruiser now being built. The Southampton class of 9,000 tons, armed with 6in. guns, was hopelessly inferior to the 10,000-ton ships, with 6in. guns, now being constructed by Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United States.

### GIBRALTAR'S "PERIL"

He objected strongly to the taxpayers' money being taken to construct ships not capable of meeting their natural antagonists. We had been drawn into this by treaty engagements, but there were escape clauses by means of which we could by negotiation get relief.

"We know that in Germany there are five 10,000-ton cruisers with 8in. guns being built, and none of our ships of comparable class is within ten years of such ships. We have no ships capable of encountering them in single ship action. We should have the greatest difficulty, unless we build similar vessels, in coping with them."

He entirely agreed as to the very serious strategic issues which were raised by the Italian fortification of the Mediterranean, which was proceeding constantly.

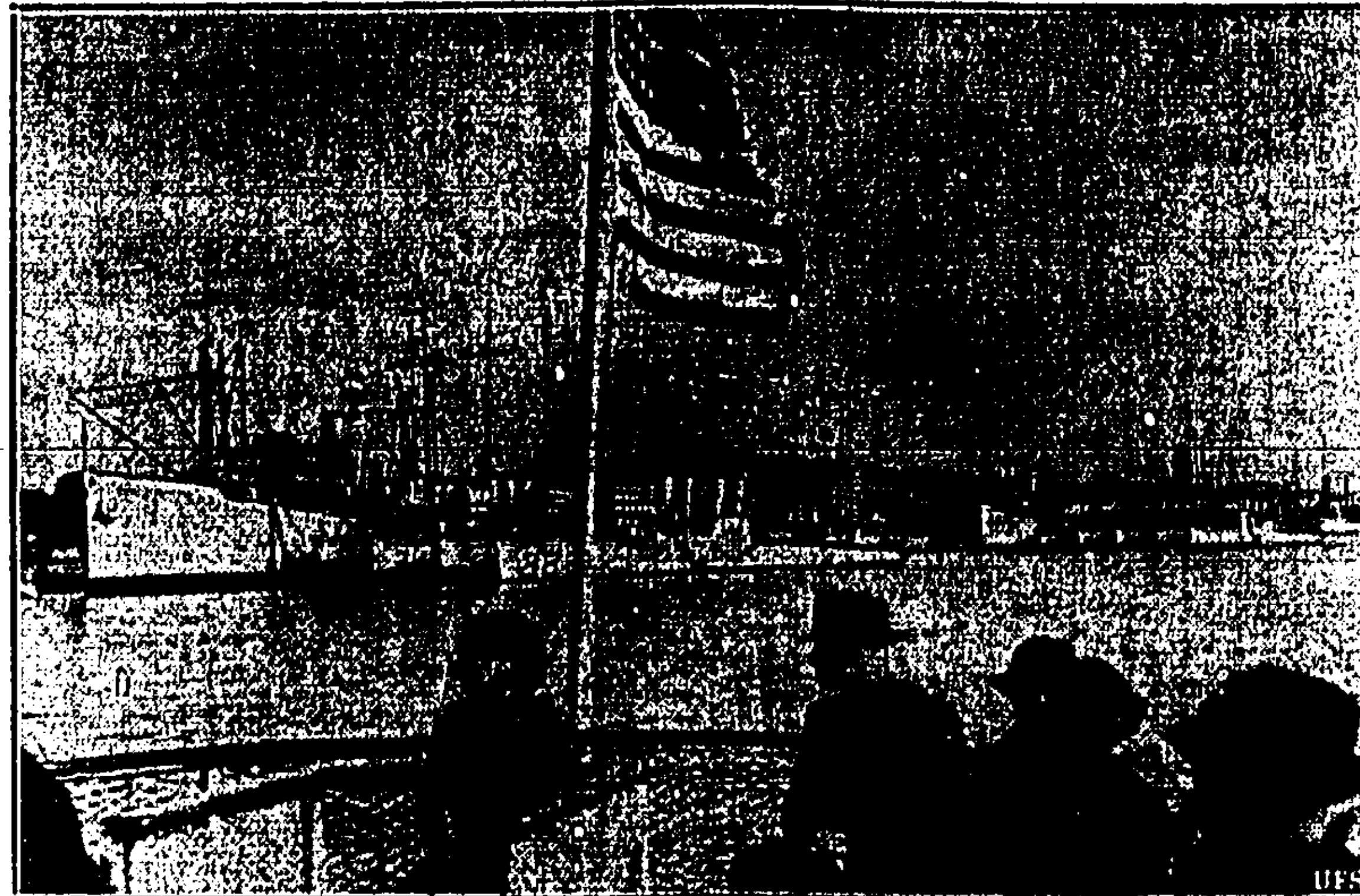
"Not only are there the dangers at Gibraltar of fire from land, not only the dangers at Malta as affected by massed air attack unless we have overwhelming anti-aircraft defence, but we have also to consider the very special measures that are being taken for the fortification of the island of Panoplia, with no other object than to enable the Mediterranean to be cut in half by an Italian fleet."

"It is certainly not for our benefit that this labour is being undertaken. There are also the fortifications at Lerona, another island. All these constitute processes which require the unceasing vigilance of the British Admiralty and the nation. I have a sort of feeling that we are being netted in from various directions."

### SIR ROGER KEYES

Sir Roger Keyes (Con., N. Farnham) said the task of the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence

## AMERICAN PACIFIC FLEET GOES



A VIVID SIX-WEEKS DRAMA of war in the Pacific was portrayed last month by 3,600 officers and 65,000 men, aboard 150 surface ships and 500 fighting planes. It is reported the biggest movement in American naval history, covering manoeuvres from Alaska to Hawaii. Above, some of the ships prepare to leave San Diego, Cal.

## Scott-Paine Torpedo Boat Condemned

From PERCY CATER

Westminster.

ADMIRALTY inquiries will take place immediately into allegations made in the House of Commons tonight that engines of a type which had been bought for £5 to £10 had been fitted into Scott-Paine motor torpedo-boats of the British Navy.

Mr. Scott-Paine, it was added, had charged £3,800 for such engines.

It was also asserted that the Scott-Paine boats, which cost the British Navy £29,000 each, were obsolete before they were launched, and were "held in contempt in the Service."

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## Shrapnel In His Heart 20 Years

Brighton. Frank Verrall, ex-private of the 8th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, read to-day the story of Marcel Baillet, French airman, claimed to be the only man to live twenty years with a war-time bullet in his heart—and smiled.

To all his friends Frank Verrall, forty-one to-morrow, looks the picture of health. Unknown to them his life is a day-to-day miracle.

In May 1918 Frank was struck by a piece of shrapnel and taken to hospital. At Rouen it was discovered that the shrapnel, nearly as large as a shilling, had lodged in his heart.

Frank, who now lives at Burgess Hill, near Brighton, said to-day: "Doctor after doctor said to me, 'I became a sort of medical show-piece.'"

"I was told that the shrapnel would kill me, but here I am feeling all right after twenty years. I am married. I have three children and to keep them I go to work as brick-layer, though I am told to avoid exertion."

These facts were reported by the police to the Admiralty, and "the gentleman so-called" who was engineering this business was interviewed at the Admiralty.

He (Lt.-Cmdr. Fletcher) would like to know why the man was not prosecuted. The circumstances attending the contract for the boats were certainly unsatisfactory. All the facts would be placed at the disposal of the Admiralty who, he hoped, would go into the matter drastically.

### "QUITE GOOD BOATS"

Col. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, who with Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary, was deputising for Mr. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, who is ill, undertook, after hearing the speech, that if the evidence was given to him as Commander Fletcher promised, he would go fully into the matter at the Admiralty.

He hoped they would be able to dispose of it, but if it could not be disposed of the necessary action would be taken.

"These boats, as a matter of fact," he said, "were not as bad as Commander Fletcher has made out. They were quite good. They went out to the Mediterranean under their own power."

"They were bought and ordered quickly during the Italo-Abyssinian War and, with regard to Scott-Paine, at the time they were the only firm that was making such boats. Vesper has since produced a boat and an experimental one which we have bought for the Admiralty."

### MR. ALEXANDER'S DEMAND

Mr. Alexander, a former Socialist First Lord of the Admiralty, said: "I am very concerned about this case," and added that he had had correspondence on it privately with the First Lord.

"In view of the charges made," he said, "I think it essential that they should be publicly repudiated if they are not true, and if you are not able to give a full explanation I think there ought to be a very full and detailed inquiry."

Col. Llewellyn said he quite realised that there were a lot of detailed points. "Mr. Alexander will realise," he stated, "that it is impossible for me to go into them and give a reply to-night, and rather than give such a reply, I thought it was better to give the undertaking that I have given. We will certainly by some method make public the result of the inquiry that we will undertake at the Admiralty."



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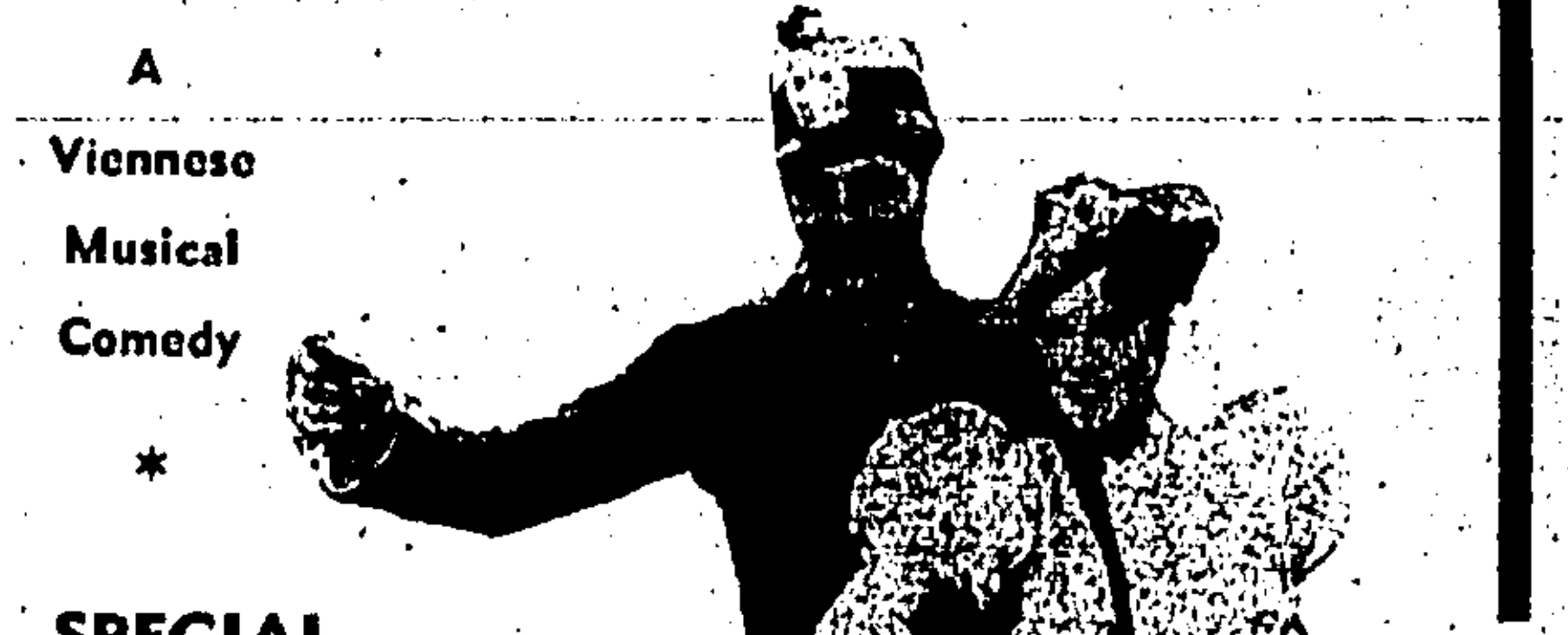


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## SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks	Insurance	Shipping	Industries	Public Utilities
H.K. Bank, \$1,545 n.	Canton Ins., \$270 b.	Douglas, \$95 n.	Cald. Macg. (old), Sh. \$143 n.	H.K. Tramways, \$104 b and sa.
H.K. Bank, (Lon. Reg.), £91 n.	Union Ins., \$250 b.	H.K. Steamboats, \$23 1/2 n.	Cald. Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$124 n.	Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.
Chartered Bank, \$12 1/2 n.	China Underwriters, \$2 1/4 b.	Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.	Canton Ins. (old), \$27 b.	Peak Trams (new), \$3 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank A. and B., \$28 n.	H.K. Fire Ins., \$233 n.	Indo-China (Def.), \$24 n.	Cement, \$17.30 b. and sa.	Star Ferry, \$85 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.		Shell Bearer, \$67 1/2 n.	H.K. Ropes, \$4.60 n.	Yau Ma Tei Ferry (old), \$24.90 n.
East Asia Bank, \$80 n.		Union Waterboats, \$8.90 n.		China Light (old), \$11 1/4 b.
		H.K. & W. Wharves, \$133 b.		China Light (new), \$9 b.
		H.K. & W. Docks, \$21.70 n.		H.K. Electric, \$59 1/2 b.
		H.K. & W. Docks (new), \$21 n.		
		Provident (old), \$3.40 n.		
		Provident (new), \$3.30 n.		
		New Engineering, Sh. \$4.03 n.		
		Kailan Docks, Sh. \$98 n.		
		Kailan Mining Adm., 16 1/4 n.		
		Rauks, \$8 1/4 b.		
		Venz, Goldfield, \$4 n.		
		Hongkong Mines, 1 1/2 cts. b.		
		Philippine Mining		
		Antamok, P. 50 sa.		
		Atoks, P. 17 sa.		
		Banguet Consol., P. —		
		Banguet Explor., P. —		
		Big Wedge, P. —		
		Coco Groves, P. 51 sa.		
		Consolidated Mines, P. —		
		Demonstrations, P. 34 sa.		
		E. Mindanao, P. —		
		Gumau Gfields, P. —		
		Ipo Gold, P. 70 sa.		
		I.K.L., P. 70 sa.		
		Ilogons, P. —		
		Masbate Consol., P. —		
		Min. Resources, P. —		
		Northern Min., P. —		
		Paracale Gumaus, P. 10 1/4 sa.		
		Salacot Mining, P. —		
		San Maurelo, P. 45 sa.		
		Suyoc Consol., P. 17 sa.		
		United Paracale, P. —		
		Lands, Hotels, etc.		
		H. and S. Hotels, \$6.70 b.		
		H.K. Lands, \$37 n.		
		H.K. Lands, 4% Deben \$100 1/2 b.		
		Shal Lands, Sh. \$9 n.		
		Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —		
		Humphries, \$9 b.		
		H.K. Realities, \$5.15 b.		
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## MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Business Done	Prices in Pesos
Antamok	Unquoted
Atok	Unquoted
Banquet Consolidated	Unquoted
Coco Grove	Unquoted
Consolidated Mines	Unquoted
Demonstrations	Unquoted
I.K.L.	Unquoted
Min. Operation	Unquoted
Paracale Gumaus	Unquoted
San Maurelo	Unquoted
Suyoc	Unquoted
United Paracale	Unquoted
U.S. Mines	Unquoted
The tone of the market:—Very dull.	

Macao Electric, \$17 n.

Sandakan Lights, \$14 1/2 n.

Telephone (old), \$27 b.

Telephone (new), \$10.60 b.

China Buses, Sh.

Singapore Traction, 25/- n.

Singapore Pref., 25/- n.

Industries

Cald. Macg. (old), Sh. \$143 n.

Cald. Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$124 n.

Canton Ins. (old), \$27 b.

Cement, \$17.30 b. and sa.

H.K. Ropes, \$4.60 n.

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, \$24 1/2 n.

Watsons, \$6 1/4 n.

Lane Crawford, \$9.40 b. and sa.

Singapore, \$2.20 n.

Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.

William Powell, Ltd., 70 cts. n.

Cotton Mills

Ewo Cotton, Sh. \$14 1/2 n.

Shal Cotton (old), Sh. \$74 n.

Zoong Sings, Sh. —

Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$38 b.

Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, \$6 1/4 n.

Constructions, \$14 b.

Vibro Pilling, \$3 1/4 n.

Ch. Govt. 4% 1925 G.S.Bds., 73 1/2 % n.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% prm. n.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan 2% prm. n.

Wallace Harpers, \$10 n.

Marsmans Ins. (Lon), s/- 12/6 n.

Marsmans Ins. (H.K.), s/- 3/10 b.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ITALIAN BROADCAST  
IN ENGLISH

To the Editor,  
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I shall feel much obliged if you will kindly bring to the notice of your readers the following information:—

The news bulletin in English is broadcast from Italy daily (since April 18) from short wave station 2-RO on a wave length of m.25.4 and from medium wave station Roma 2 on a wavelength of m.200.

The broadcast will take place from both stations from 7.10 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Italian time.

The Italian Consul General will be pleased to receive information on the reception.

R. Italian Consul General.  
G. PAGANO DI MELITO.

## The Rents Commission

Sir,—The Government's acceptance of the Commission's findings and its recommendations is a natural corollary of the appointment of a Commission. In the absence of a Council on the report there is the implication of unofficial acquiescence in the official attitude. This week and mild "Aye" in answer to the question "Those in favour say 'Aye'?" is difficult of understanding, unless it be that the unofficial members of Council are unanimously in favour of the Commission's reasoning to the total exclusion of the tenants' case.

The Constitution of the Colony does not permit of sectional or geographical representation on the Council. The objections to the former mode of representation are age-old and unanswerable. No purpose would be achieved in a discussion of the question at the moment, but the rents issue serves to demonstrate, as at no time has been demonstrated before within my recollection, the defects of a system which perpetuates taxation without representation.

Hong Kong's revenue for 1938 has been budgeted at \$323,120. The receipts from assessed taxes are estimated to yield \$6,000,000 exclusive of the New Territories; these are expected to amount to much more. Yet the people who pay the larger share of this colossal contribution must be content without a voice of protest in the councils of Government when their interests are so vitally affected as in the present rents discussion.

This rambling thought occurs by the way. The paramount note at this juncture is to elucidate how the Government's proposal to watch the balance of immigration and emigration figures is going to help victimized tenants.

It is seriously contended that the police figures are going to help, then the least that can be said is that Government makes admission of its own error in abandoning the once authorized weekly publication of statistics of immigration and emigration.

I have written advisedly, since I do not admit that the numbers of incoming and outgoing inhabitants of the Colony are going to be of any material assistance towards a solution of the pressing problem of excessive rents.

The force of this argument is easily demonstrated. Since the publication of the Commission's report many permanent residents have received eviction orders. These legal notices to quit have in some cases been given after the helpless submission by tenants to exorbitant increases in rent. Let it be assumed that the immigration figures have been static, or even, for the Government's stronger argument, that emigration has exceeded immigration. What, therefore, are the official figures going to prove? Do they establish a ground for reduction in rents? They should but they do not. Meanwhile it is known for a fact that means have been increased, and in some cases very much so. How then is Government going to disprove incontrovertible facts?

The community remains in blissful ignorance of the palliative for eviction without alternative accommodation. Coincidentally, the taxpayers are informed by another Commission that the maxima of rent payable by Government employees should not exceed 6% and 15% respectively, of salaries, according to class. Who will say that there is no difference between fish and fowl? 50% of wages paid for rent in certain cases is insufficient for speculative landlords who equal for 8% interest before sympathetic high-placed listeners.

An Ice House Street gambler can tell you that he deserves "to pay and give" for his hazardous speculation. A gambler in property buying at the peak of the boom on borrowed money is a virtuous investor who can calmly sit back and claim his 8% on the pretext that his was not a gamble but a genuine investment.

There are a few local companies whose share prices were once quoted at \$120, \$210, \$40, and \$40. Buyers at these rates bought their shares in the halcyon days of Hong Kong, before the serious strike and boycott of 1925. At 8% the Companies should pay out in dividends to-day \$9.00, \$16.80, \$3.60, and \$3.20, respectively. Shareholders have actually received on the basis of last year's earnings: \$2, \$9.50, \$0.90, and \$1.25. In the case of one Company four of the old shares have shrunk to one of the new on capital reorganization, through no fault of the management or of the Directorate. Bad trade is the explanation for the heavy depreciation.

Can the evidence that so greatly impressed the Commission be held out as a cogent argument why 8% should be insisted on as the least distributable dividend? The Chinese column which recapitulated the validity of

## landlords' minimum expectation of a rate of interest perforce falls to the ground.

Up to this point these comments have been mainly critical. A feasible suggestion might, however, be permitted. Even though it offers no implementation of the Commission's recommendations it might do some way towards assisting tenants and at the same time it should curb any rapacious tendency on the part of certain landlords. The suggestion I have in mind is that a Cadet officer with at least one assistant be seconded to a department of Government created for the purpose of receiving complaints from tenants for full investigation. In this manner the Government should be provided with the necessary machinery for immediate protective legislation. If it should be found, as I am firmly convinced it will, that remedial measures are urgently called for.

Certain glaring cases of extortion of recent date have been brought to my notice. Here are a few:—

1. Open receipt of a notice to quit, do \$60 n. Not accepted.  
2. The raising of the rent from \$12 to \$19.  
3. do do \$12 to \$19.  
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As time goes on this list might be added to ad infinitum.  
J. P. BRAGA.

CHINESE LINES STILL  
HOLD FIRM

(Continued from Page 1.)

terday morning, and that mopping up operations continued in the town all day.

Occupation of the city was announced late in the evening.—Reuter.

## "Mopping Up" Proceeding

Peking, April 25.

A Japanese spokesman announced late yesterday that the Japanese had captured Tancheng, 30 miles south of Linyi, and 15 miles north of the Lung-hai railway. The place was 30 miles east-north-east of Tancheng.

He said that at dawn all the gates and the walls had been captured, and that mopping up operations "had almost been completed."—United Press.

Japanese Flanking  
Movement Checked

Tai-cheng, April 25.

Continuous fierce assaults by the combined Japanese infantry, artillery and air forces throughout yesterday and the evening before failed to dislodge the Chinese positions running in a semi-circular line to the east and west of the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

Abandoning hope of crushing the iron-clad Chinese defences north of Tai-cheng and marching through the battered town to wipe out the memory of their earlier defeat the Japanese command seems to be resorting to its favoured tactics of another flanking movement by shifting the main forces for a bid on Peitsien and Tancheng, 50 kilometres to the east of the Chinese position.

To forestall the Japanese attempt, close contact has been secured between the Chinese right wing on the Tai-cheng front and the Chinese forces north of Peitsien and north-west of Tancheng.

## Holding Ground

Sporadic fighting throughout the line broke out yesterday and early this morning, with the Chinese firmly holding their ground.

Fresh reinforcements, at the same time, were rushed to strengthen the defence of the eastern section of the Lung-hai railway.

Early yesterday morning, the Japanese at Yihsen opened a heavy attack on the Chinese positions north of Nikow but were repulsed by the Chinese troops.

Three thousand Japanese artillery and infantry forces, which launched an offensive from the south-east of Yihsen on Lien-fangshan, to the north-west of Peitsien, were routed after a bitter struggle with the Chinese forces which lasted four hours on the afternoon of April 23.—Central News.

Chinese Raiders  
At Tehchow

Chengchow, April 25.

A strong force of Chinese guerrillas, swooping down on the Japanese aerodrome at Tehchow, destroyed the oil supplies storerooms in a surprise raid on the night of April 22.

In a previous raid recently, it will be remembered, the Chinese forces succeeded in destroying a Japanese plane on the ground.—Central News.

Japanese Retreat From  
Wenhien

Loyang, April 25.

Continual Chinese onslaughts forced the Japanese at Wenhien, on the north bank of the Yellow River in northern Honan, to withdraw yesterday from the city in the direction of the north.

The city of Wenhien is now completely in the hands of the Chinese again. Peace and order have been restored to Menghsien, west of Wenhien, which was recaptured by the Chinese recently. The people who had vacated the town are now returning in great numbers. The former magistrate has also returned to resume his duties. A search party is hunting traitors.

The Japanese from Menghsien are moving in a northerly direction towards Hsinan, and are being closely pursued by the Chinese. The Chinese column which recaptured Tzuyuan, north-west of Meng-

Beat Mui-Tsai  
In Temper

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Lo Chok-man, 33, proprietor of the Kwong Cheong Hing Engineering Firm when he was convicted by Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen, at Kowloon Magistracy this morning of assaulting a 17-year-old maid-servant by beating her with the handle of a feather-duster.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, Inspector of Mui Tsai, said the girl was employed by the defendant's wife, at 224 Cheungswan Road. On April 20 defendant asked the girl to tell his chauffeur to bring the car around to the front. The girl did so, but forgot to tell defendant that she had delivered the message.

This angered defendant who came down to her room and lashed at her arms and legs with a feather-duster.

Two days later the girl made a report at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant, and explained that the assault had been committed in a fit of temper. The girl had been well treated for a number of years.

After defendant had been fined, the girl was placed in charge of the S.C.A.

ADMITS THEFT,  
GOES TO GAOL

Telling the constable who searched him in Stubbs Road on Saturday that he had stolen the clock and articles of clothing he was carrying, Chan Shing, 30, unemployed, tailor, was arrested.

This morning Chan was charged before Mr. H. R. Butters at Central Magistracy and sentenced to four months' hard labour. He had a previous conviction.

CRANE FALLS INTO  
CARGO JUNK

The crew of cargo junk No. 2265V was fortunate to escape without any serious injuries when they were loading cargo alongside the Kowloon Canton Railway wharf at 11.30 yesterday morning. According to the master, Chan Tai, the crane and load of machinery, which weighed over five tons, toppled into the junk, smashing the mast.

## Chinese Hold Their Own

Hankow, April 25.

The Japanese offensive in south Shantung which is being carried on over a front of 50 kilometres from the Linyi-Tsaochow road southwards in the direction of the Lung-hai railway, was in full swing yesterday.

The Chinese, however, offered the most stubborn resistance to the Japanese advance and are said to have succeeded in recapturing Szechuen, north-east of Tai-cheng which had been taken by the Japanese on Saturday afternoon. The Chinese likewise claim to have recaptured Chuchen, situated about 10 kilometres south-west of Linyi. The Japanese are simultaneously continuing their attempts in Yihsen to break the belt of Chinese troops surrounding them in order to be able to advance south-east and to unite with Japanese troops coming from Linyi.

At Hanchang the fighting is also exceedingly bitter. The Japanese continuously use artillery to bombard the Chinese positions on the south of the Grand Canal. The Lung-hai railway was overloaded yesterday with Chinese troops trains.

Military observers conclude from this that in a few days the Chinese will exert their entire strength in an attempt to hold up the Japanese advance in order to shield the Lung-hai railway.—Transocean.

Chinese Recapture  
Hoei Towns

Chengchow, April 25.

Tsingfeng and Nanlo in southern Hopen, near the Hopen border, have been recaptured by the Chinese forces. The Japanese troops in these towns have retired to Taming, north of the Wei River.

Only a small number of Japanese now remain at Lungwangmiao, on the south bank of the Wei River, in southern Hopen. They are being surrounded by the Chinese.

In central Hopen, the Chinese forces also recaptured Ankuo, Kaoyang, Hsinchong and Wenhien, between Tientsin and Peking.—Central News.

Chinese Successes  
In Shansi

Tungkuang, April 25.

In surprise night attacks, the Chinese forces in Shansi have succeeded in recapturing Shanyuan, Linshien and Hoshun in the eastern part of the province.

Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Japanese during these assaults. The Japanese at Shanyuan are now retreating towards Licheng to the east, with the Chinese closely following. Meanwhile, the Chinese at Hoshun and Linshien are mopping up the remnant Japanese.

Hard pressed, the Japanese at Hsinan, north-west of Shanyuan, are now retreating in an easterly direction. The Chinese have recaptured the town and are now moving on to the immediate vicinity of the city.—Central News.

POLICE  
RESERVE  
ORDERS

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, were issued to-day as follows:

## CHINESE COMPANY

Strength. Constable R23 Kong Ka-yan has been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company, as from April 5, 1938.

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Chinese Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, April 26 at 5.15 p.m.:—Constables R272 Fong Hing, R282 Stern Ho, R200 Yuen Sul Tang, R244 Lau Hung-kam, R201 Yu Shiu-tung, R289 Hung Woon-man, R270 J. Anthony Yim, and R203 Shiu Hung-yun.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, May 6 at 5.30 p.m. for a general inspection of equipment etc., by the Company Commander. Dress—White Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Truncheon, "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make a point of being present.

## INDIAN COMPANY

Strength. The undermentioned members have been taken on the strength of the Indian Company, as from April 4, 1938. Constables R230 Balwant Singh, R232 Khan Mohamed, R235 A. A. Pipe, R238 G. Mohamed, R243 A. Ghani, R249 S. Singh, R252 F. Mohamed, R254 Mohamed Din, R285 A. Singh, R288 H. Singh, R293 G. Singh, and R294 A. Rehman.

Training Course—Part II. An examination in Part II of Training Course will be held at the Indian Company Headquarters on Monday, April 25 at 5.15 p.m. under Chief Inspector W. R. Chatterwood. Principal, Police Training School. The undermentioned members will attend:—Constables R297 Karam Khan, R211 S. Aras, R219 Nur Ahmed, R220 M. R. Malik, R221 Hakim Ali, R242 A. Aziz, R215 Feroz Khan, R223 Firdos Khan, and R210 M. W. Khan.

Training Course—Part I. All recruits of the Indian Company will attend No. 2 Police Station on Tuesday, April 26 at 5.30 p.m. for Part I of Training Course under P.S.R. 274 Mehdi Khan.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Indian Company will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, May 4 at 5.30 p.m. for a general inspection of equipment etc., by the Company Commander. Dress—White

## OLD OFFENDER



## Irish Party Cheered By London Crowd

London, Apr. 24. Mr. Eamon De Valera received a tremendous ovation from about 1,000 Irishmen when he arrived at Euston Station this afternoon, for the signing of the pact to-morrow. He was welcomed by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald and Mr. Cecil Syme, representing Mr. Neville Chamberlain. Mr. De Valera was accompanied by Mr. Sean MacEntee, Minister of Finance, Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Mr. James Ryan, Minister of Agriculture, and the High Commissioner, Dr. J. W. Dulanty, who went to Liverpool to meet him.—Reuter.

## "Backstairs Diplomacy" Suspected

Labour M. P. Warns  
Against Making  
"Deal" With Japan

London, April 24. The suggestion that "backstairs diplomacy" was going on in Britain over China was made by the Labour M.P., Mr. A. V. Alexander, former First Lord of the Admiralty, when presiding at a rally at Queen's Hall to-day to "celebrate the Chinese victories, and to call for an intensification of the boycott of Japanese goods."

Mr. Alexander said they must watch very carefully any proposal to make any imperialistic appeal on the lines of the Rome pact.

"I have reason to know that a representative of the Japanese has approached continuously influential British circles during the last few months to impress us that we could work together with the Japanese for the future enrichment of both nations by the economic development of China. If only we would look in Japan's direction."

"There must be no recognition of Manchukuo in return for any offer to share in the economic development of China," declared Mr. Alexander.

A cable was read from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, which stated: "The war will be of a long duration. China must be victorious, or destroyed. If the latter, then destruction will come in time to the other democracies. The great expenditure on armaments to which Britain is committed could be well reduced if practical assistance was now accorded China to defeat the aggressor."—Reuter.

## Weather May Improve

Probability of an improvement in weather conditions is hinted in this morning's forecast, issued by the Royal Observatory at 10 a.m.

Cloudy conditions, with general rain, is predicted for to-day.

Ninety-three points of rain were recorded during the 24 hours ending 10 a.m., making the total since the beginning of the year 12.04 inches, against an average of 10.12 inches. Temperature has been appreciably

# Britain and France Marching Together

## JOINTLY DISCUSS EUROPE'S PROBLEM AND OWN ACTIONS

## Signs of Collaboration In Forthcoming Parley

London, Apr. 24.

Principal subjects for discussion at the forthcoming Anglo-French talks in London, are likely to be, according to Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, firstly, the effect of the Anglo-Italian Agreement and the course of the Franco-Italian discussions; secondly, recognition of the Italian conquest of Abyssinia, which France is now believed to favour, and the procedure to be adopted at the next meeting of the League Council.

M. Joseph Avenol, Secretary-General of the League, arrived in London to-day to discuss this matter with Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Secretary on Tuesday.

A third point in the Anglo-French talks will be settlement of the Spanish war and the Mediterranean status quo; fourthly the possibility of improving relations with Germany; fifthly the Czechoslovakian situation and Central European problems, and sixthly the financial position of France in relation to the Three-Power Exchange Stabilisation Agreement.

It is not yet settled whether the questions of military and air co-operation will be discussed, but they are not ruled out.

It is understood that Dr. Eduard Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, is doing his utmost to reach an amicable settlement with the Sudeten Germans, and Britain and France are ready to give advice or assistance in smoothing the approach to the problem.

At the same time, the possibility of trouble in Czechoslovakia cannot be excluded, and the British Government is anxious to know exactly how France will react to it.

It is expected that M. Eduard Daladier, French Prime Minister, will explain the measures which the French Government will take to implement the Franco-Czech pact if necessary, and he will probably be informed of the policy the British Government at present intends to follow.

### Breathing Space

There is reason to believe that Herr Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten Deutsche Party, will not be called on by Germany to press his claims to the extreme at the present, and a breathing space for a few months at least may ensue in that part of Europe.

There are indications that the Franco-Soviet Pact may be alluded to in the course of the talks. In the interests of appeasement, France may be asked to make as little play as possible with the pact in the course of the forthcoming diplomatic action. On the other hand, there is no question of France being asked to renounce the pact.—Reuter.

lower since the beginning of the present spell of wet weather, this morning's temperature of 68 degrees, comparing with 70 degrees at corresponding times on Saturday and Friday.

## NEW CABLE RATES IN FORCE

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The following message of to-day's date, has been received by the Hong-kong Telegraph:

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The new rates came into force at midnight this morning. They represent reductions amounting, in some instances to one-fifth of the old rates. The reductions apply to all parts of the British Empire, including Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories.

### DISTILLER PUNISHED

Fines totaling to \$223.80 or, in default, three months' and three days' imprisonment, were imposed on Chung Kui, 48, woman, at the Central Magistracy to-day for having distilled liquor without a licence, and related offences.

## BRITAIN FRAMING FRIENDLY TREATIES

Accord With Eire  
Only One Phase  
Of Activities

Diplomats Head  
For London

London, Apr. 24.

Despite the developments in Central Europe, Spain and the Far East still claim a prominent place in the public eye. London will also be a very important centre of interest during the week-end.

Following the arrival of the Irish leaders to-day, an agreement between Britain and Eire will be signed to-morrow after a luncheon at No. 10 Downing Street, where the signatories will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chamberlain.

It is now generally understood that the agreement will extend to defence as well as trade tariffs and land annuities. It is believed the latter will be settled by an arrangement whereby annuities payments will be devoted to defence, though the text of the agreement will not be published until Tuesday morning. It is hoped that the agreement will open a new chapter in Anglo-Irish relations, bringing a friendlier feeling than for many years.

Monday will also see an important meeting of the Cabinet in order to hear the proposals for Sir John Simon's first budget, which will be revealed in the House of Commons on Tuesday. This will be followed on Wednesday by the arrival of M. Eduard Daladier, the French Premier, and Mr. Georges Bonnet, War Minister, for conversations with Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, which are opening on Thursday. It is understood they will have three long conferences before returning to Paris on Friday.

The agenda is still being drafted, but points which will be discussed are expected to include the relations of Britain and France with Italy and Germany, the question of the recognition of the Italian conquest of Abyssinia, the future of Spain and the Spanish Islands, the colonial question, and the problems of Central Europe.

The French Ministers, it is expected, will explain how France would assist Czechoslovakia if called on to do so.

A British loan to France is not now believed to be included on the agenda.—Reuter.

### BARNET TO EXERCISE WITH SUBMARINE

The Naval Authorities state that H.M.S. Barnet, accompanied by a submarine, will carry out exercises in a position 22 degrees 18 mins. North, 114 degrees 20 mins. 9 secs. East on Wednesday, April 27, or if impracticable, then on the following day. Barnet will fly a red flag.

## ANGLO-IRISH PACT HAS FAR-REACHING EFFECT ON PARTIES

London, Apr. 24.

The signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement to-morrow will be an event of first-class historical importance. The agreement will not only remove many causes of Anglo-Irish disagreement and tension, but will have a far reaching effect on trade, foreign relations and defence.

It will end the annuity dispute and the Anglo-Irish economic war.

Irish produce will flow more freely into England on the same basis of taxation as Canadian and Australian produce. British goods will also enter the Irish market more freely, but not on such terms as to endanger the Irish policy of self-sufficiency.

## MINORITY DEMANDS APPROVED

German Newspapers  
Give Prominence  
To Henlein's Speech

Berlin, Apr. 24.

"A final warning to Prague" is one newspaper's description of Herr Konrad Henlein's speech, which is given prominence in the press, but which hitherto, has not drawn any official comment. Herr Henlein puts the German minority's case to Czechoslovakia in no uncertain fashion.

The Boerschen Zeitung says the world must accustom itself to regard the Sudeten Deutsche as Nazis who are united to the faith of an entire German nation, like Germans elsewhere.

A Prague message says there is a tendency in Czech circles to regard Herr Henlein's speech as part of a communal election campaign, and it is thought unlikely that it will seriously affect the course of the negotiations between the Government and leaders of the Sudeten Germans, which, it is understood, the Government plans to begin immediately after the elections in May and June.

From Budapest comes the news that the Hungarian Revisionist League, which had been previously banned, held its first meeting in five years. It expressed itself unanimously in favour of the breaking up of Czechoslovakia. A large crowd of ex-servicemen and delegations from all over the country, demonstrated in sympathy outside the hall.—Reuter.

### Militant Speech By Henlein

Carlsbad, Apr. 24.

Terminating a two-day congress of the Sudeten Deutsche Party, Herr Konrad Henlein spoke in militant tone when he proclaimed Nazism to the Sudetens as a "guiding principle."

He warned that it would be wrong if Czechoslovakia depended solely on an alliance with Russia and

While it is realised that Mr. De Valera will find it politically difficult to enter any formal defence commitments, that does not rule out the possibility of an informal arrangement under which Ireland would undertake her own defence.

The ending of the economic war will save the Irish exchequer over £2,000,000 a year, part of which will probably be used to reorganise Irish defences, while the British definitely will evacuate the three Irish forts now garrisoned by British troops.

### WAR TIME NAVAL BASES

Irish ports will be available as British naval air bases in war time.

The agreement will remove anti-British feeling among the Irish-Americans, and will immeasurably strengthen Mr. De Valera's position as a national leader. It will bring a far greater degree of unity in Irish politics as a result of the disappearance of the main bone of contention between the two principal parties.

Irish political circles emphasise that the next goal is removal of partition, which will make possible a comprehensive Anglo-Irish treaty of friendship.—Reuter Special.

France, without herself making a decisive contribution to peace.

Referring to the Sudeten demands for complete equality with the Czechs, Herr Henlein said: "We do not want war internally, or from the outside, but we can no longer suffer a condition which means for us war in a time of peace."

He demanded revisions of foreign policy regarding Germany, and said: "We who seriously want good neighbour relations with Germany demand revision of the conception that it is the task of the Czech people to be the slaves of a bulwark against an alleged German Drang nach Osten (Road to the East)."

Most observers believe that Herr Hitler has approved of the speech, which is believed designed to force German and Czech relations to a new basis.

During the conference, Herr Henlein virtually invited Dr. Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, to visit Berchtesgaden. It is predicted that such a visit might be similar to that of Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Chancellor of Austria.—United Press.

## Business With Jews A Crime In Germany

Berlin, April 24.

Field Marshal Hermann Goerring has decreed that Germans who for their own profit conspire to crush the Jewish character of their business, thereby misleading the public, will be punished by penal servitude, or in the less serious cases, by simple imprisonment, with a fine.

Those who conclude legal business on behalf of Jews and conceal from the other party that they are dealing for Jews, will be similarly punished.—Reuter.

### BOARDED SHIP WITHOUT PERMIT

Sentence of two months' imprisonment was imposed on Nagn Yick, 42, unemployed, when he appeared before Cmdr. J. B. Newill, Deputy Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning, charged with boarding the Van Heutz without permission.



S. O. S.

Leung Sai Tor, aged 11, is deaf and dumb.

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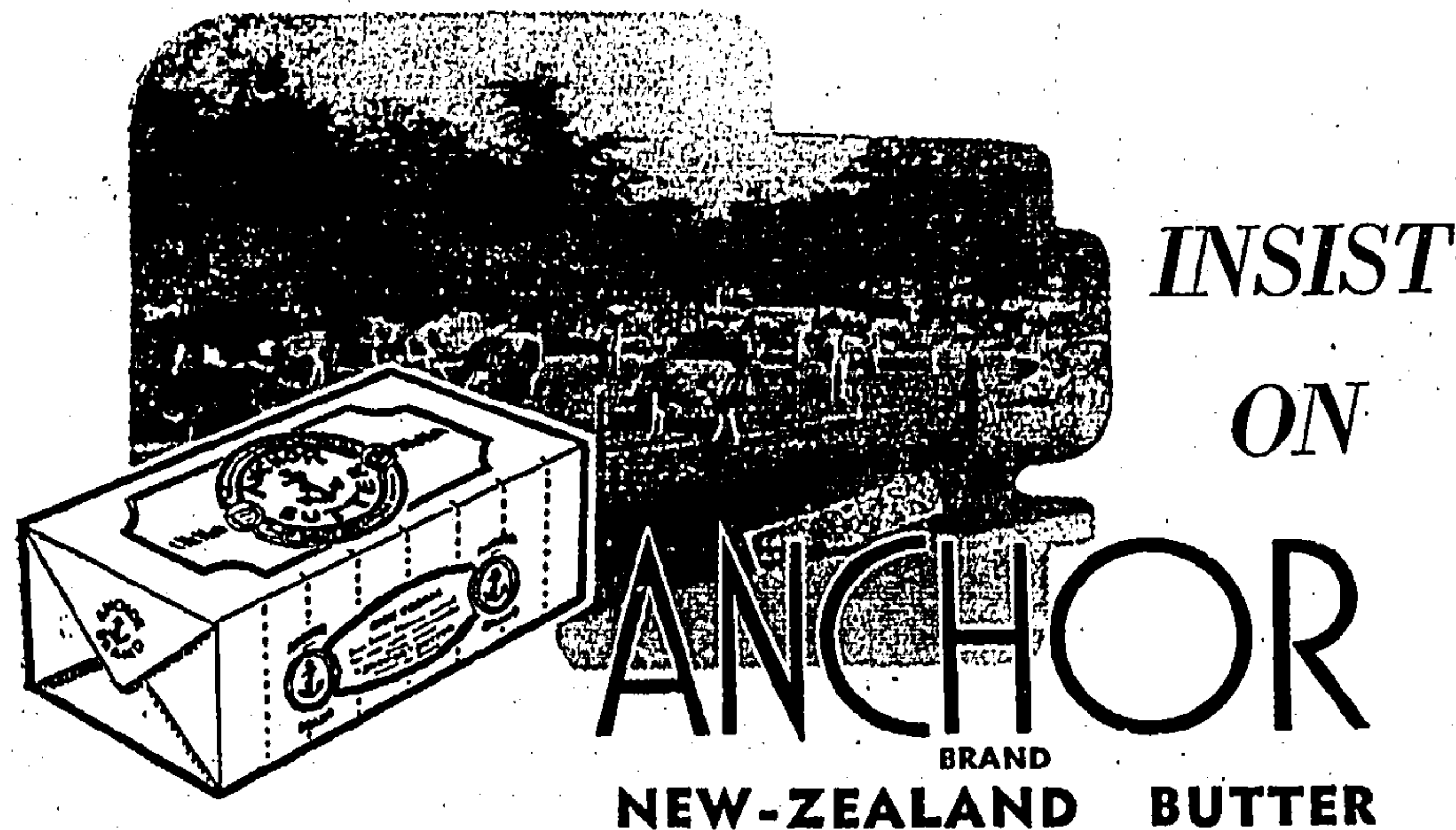
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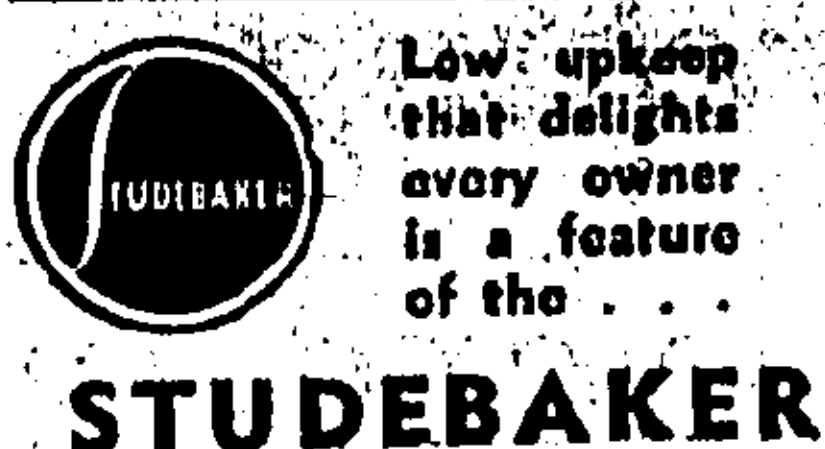
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### WHAT'S BRITAIN UP TO?

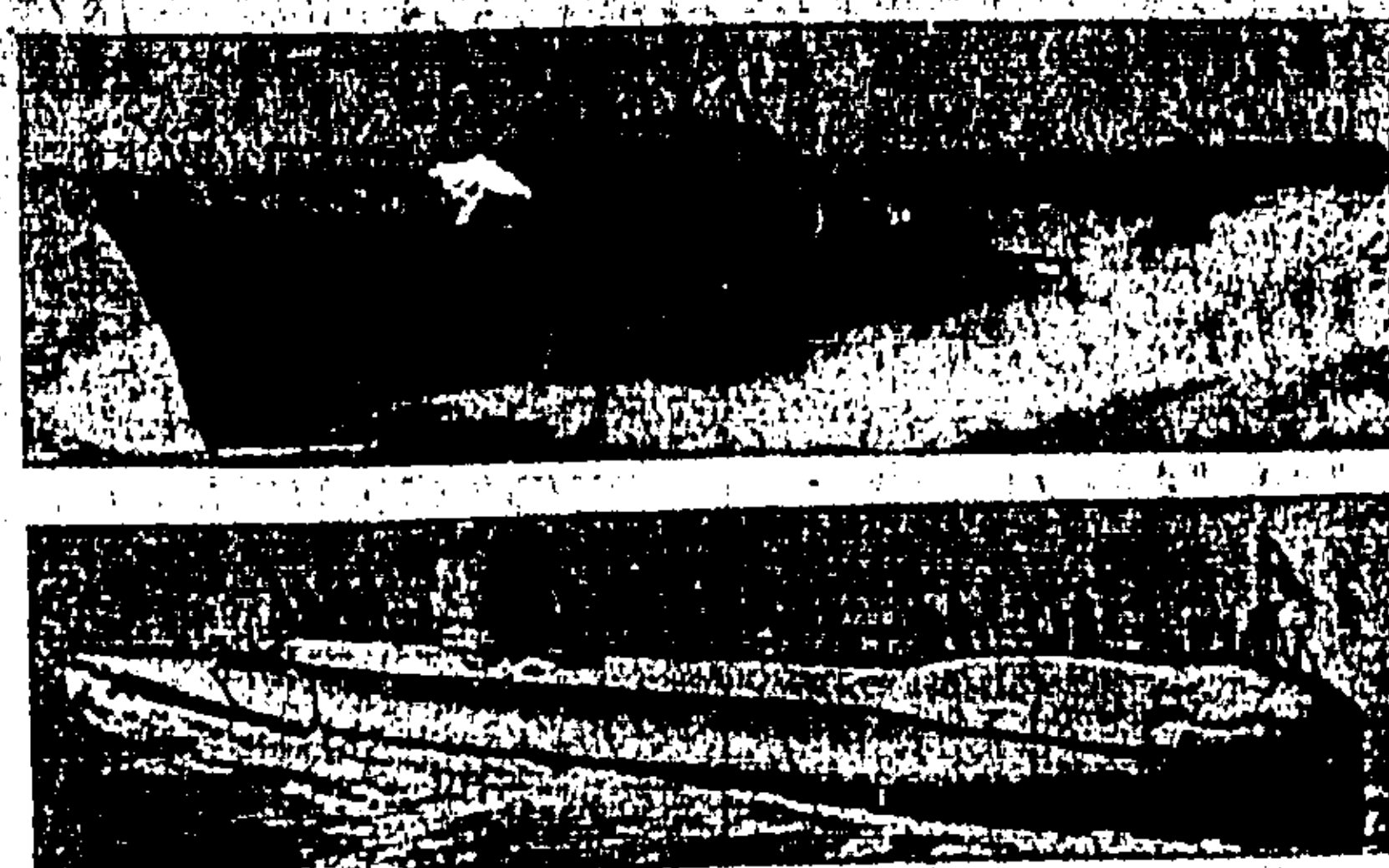
The gullible public is continually being presented with conundrums by statesmen, and their expert advisers. The latest is Britain's reported forthcoming purchases of United States military aeroplanes. The deal, which a special commission of experts has been appointed by the British Government to negotiate, is full of paradoxes when viewed in the light of intelligent reasoning, although, reduced to its simplest terms, it seems that Britain is so desperately anxious to effect an immediate expansion of her air force, that she will buy practically anything America has to offer in the way of fighting planes, so long as it permits the Home Government to point to numerically adequate air fighting material.

From the British public's point of view, the most suspicious thing about the proposed purchases is America's willingness to sell. This airy "help yourself" gesture is hardly in keeping with recent sentiments, vigorously expressed by responsible spokesmen before an investigating committee. Then the theme was: the United States wants all it has in war material, and it is essential she keep it. Neither does this latest volte face invoke confidence in the sincerity of the Neutrality Law. It may keep within the principle of that measure, but it is scarcely within its spirit. To a large body of public opinion in the United States the whole circumstances of the deal are revolting, and, as a message observed last week, "there are indications that every ounce of tact and circumspection will be required if the British Air Ministry's Mission is to have the success for which it hopes."

In America suspicion will be directed against the politicians and militarists, in the belief they have betrayed the assurances that there is no secret agreement between Britain and the United States for naval and military co-operation. In Britain, where such an agreement would be hailed with delight, the suspicions will be of another nature.

The American experts say they can afford to sell 30 different types of fighting planes to Britain, because, by the time Britain receives them, they for the most part will be comparatively obsolete. This is inferred, rather than stated; but the inference is unmistakable, and it cannot give the British public, paying colossal sums for adequate defence, much sense of satisfaction. The British taxpayer has accepted the Government's terrifyingly huge expenditure on arms as necessary for providing the country with the proper means

## Britain's Latest



Above, one of the new motor torpedo boats; below, the submarine Ursula, launched last month.

## How the NAVY Stands To-day

THE Navy Estimates for the coming financial year—published in detail on Page 3 of this issue of the "Telegraph"—are more than double what they were a few years ago. The real reason for this vast increase is to be found in one phrase: the country is being asked to pay for past neglect.

Not only is this true with regard to the provision of ships. It is even more true so far as personnel, service conditions, and—most important of all—the Fleet Air Arm are concerned. There is to be an increase of 7,000 in the personnel of the Royal Navy, and a large proportion of this increase will go towards the expansion of the Fleet Air Arm. There are to be, for the first time, marriage allowances for naval officers, more than 70 per cent of whom have to live apart from their families owing to the exigencies of the naval service.

There are to be increased marriage allowances for ratings, and increased travelling facilities to enable them to go to their homes more frequently.

### Aircraft Carriers

NOWHERE are the results of past neglect more apparent than in the all-important use and effect of air-power on naval strength.

For years there has been a tendency on the part of naval experts to discount the importance of air-power. Now the Navy and the Admiralty have awakened, and a vast effort is being made to meet dangers which should have been dealt with progressively as they arose year by year.

Now the Fleet Air Arm is to

of defending itself, and the public's acquiescence in this new and intolerable burden is governed by assurances that Britain, among other things, will possess the most up-to-date and effective air force in the world. Yet almost immediately the Government announces purchase of fighting planes which are antedated before they are purchased. If the United States can boast of new super-machines in the course of construction which make their existing planes out of date, it is practically certain that Russia, Italy and Germany have equally modern equipment, a thought which is hardly consoling to the British taxpayer.

Yet it is hard to believe that this is the whole of the conundrum. Behind it all lies the suspicion that Britain, although ostensibly building up a proportion of her air arm with obsolete foreign-made machines, has, in her own manufacturing plants, new and secret machines, capable of out-flying and out-maneuvring the products of her foreign competitors. Perhaps this open purchase of out-moded American planes is a smoke-screen hiding a subtle move on the part of Britain to lure her competitors into believing that she is incapable of constructing up-to-the-minute aeroplanes. The more the subject is probed, the more bewildering does it become. But the matter is of too much import for the British public to accept with indifference and passive equanimity, and this latest move by the British Air Ministry will have to be explained, sooner or later.—S.A.G.

### By A Naval Correspondent

be almost entirely reconstituted. It is also to be very largely increased in strength. One has only to look at the aircraft-carriers, built and building, to see how great this increase is to be.

At present we have four of these vessels in commission. Five are now being built. That seems to show that the Fleet Air Arm strength is to be more than doubled.

In reality there is to be a far greater increase. Our present aircraft-carriers carry about 36 machines each on an average. The new aircraft-carriers are to carry at least 70.

### Greatest Menace

THERE is also the question of aircraft-carriers. Until very recently the aircraft-carrying capacity of one of these ships amounted to a single aeroplane. Now every new capital ship or cruiser carries four.

Defence against air attack is also responsible for a very large share of the Estimates. Not only are new ships being given more extensive anti-aircraft armament and increased protection against bombs from aircraft but old ships are being reconstructed to make them a more difficult proposition for an enemy relying on air-power.

The battleship Warspite left Portsmouth a few months ago having been completely reconstructed at a cost nearly equal to that of her original construction.

H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth and H.M.S. Barham, of the same class, are now undergoing reconstruction, as are also the large cruisers of the Kent class. And the major part of all these reconstruction works is concerned with the realisation that air-power must be regarded as the greatest menace to our Navy as well as one of its important weapons.

### The Other Powers

ADD to this fact that old cruisers are being converted into "all-anti-aircraft-gunships" and one realises that air-power is thus the dominating factor in naval expenditure to-day.

While we are spending this vast sum on naval armament how does our Navy compare with those of other Powers?

Discounting obsolete ships, which would be an easy prey to aircraft or to torpedo craft in the event of war, the position to-day is as follows:

	British Empire	Italy	Germany	Japan
Capital ships	18	4	6	25
Cruisers	25	17	22	25
Destroyers	50	57	34	44
Submarines	33	37	31	44
Aircraft-carriers	6	0	0	4

That looks as if the smaller Navies, and particularly that of Germany, are far behind us. But the above table shows only the ships built. Those under construction are as follows:

	British Empire	Italy	Germany	Japan
Capital ships	5	2	3	Not known
Cruisers	16	2	3	4
Destroyers	22	11	26	20
Submarines	18	11	19	7
Aircraft-carriers	8	0	0	2

The figures in the above tables are the latest "official" details issued, but it has been stated from various sources

## GRIN AND BEAR IT... By Lichy



"Don't take it so hard, Pop—conditions are bad everywhere!"

## PATIALA—Most Grandiose of Princes By ROLAND WILD

WITH the death, announced last night, of the Maharajah of Patiala, a majestic figure passes from the Indian scene.

The Maharajah was a man who lived in two worlds. He was often unaccountable in the rapid way he moved from the trivial to the urgent, from a life of pleasure-seeking to a determined endeavour to play an influential part in the making of the new India.

Many of his friends and acquaintances—and he numbered politicians, professional sportsmen, London policemen among them—saw only one side of his complex character, and judged him on that alone.



### KEPT 500 DOGS

THE most fabulous stories were told of his extravagance and his prodigality. Yet at heart he had only one purpose—the honouring of his State.

He believed that he owed it to his predecessors to play the host on a scale in competition with other great Princes. Nothing was too elaborate or too grandiose for him.

Of all the Princes save Ranj, Patiala was best known and most loved by the British public. He was always in the news, whether for shipping scores of pedigree terriers to India, to enjoy the mad luxuries of kennels in the world—where he was reputed to have kept at one time 500 dogs of all kinds—or for entertaining cricket teams at his superb palaces. He pursued his love of animals to an extent not usually possible. To him the best in the world was only just good enough.

Most famous English cricketers knew him personally—he visited the India XI, which visited this country in 1911—and skill at the game was enough to earn a player an almost immediate invitation to stay with the Maharajah.

There were times when the social barriers of India were not lifted before him. He was always said to have wished to be the first Indian member of an exclusive club whose membership was limited to the English. He thought such restrictions were bad for the country, and with characteristic thoroughness he wished to be himself the first to break down the barrier.

### LAVISH HOSPITALITY

HE travelled in impressive style, but there was no man more pleased when the pomp and ceremony turned to humour.

I remember once in a Bombay hotel, such was the impressiveness of

recently that Germany has now 61 submarines in service or building, and that Italy has more than 100 submarines in service or to be immediately built.

The French Navy consist of seven capital ships (six of which are obsolescent), 14 cruisers, 61 small cruisers and destroyers, 75 submarines, and one aircraft-carrier.

One thing stands out. So far as the smaller ships are concerned the smaller Navies are beginning to catch up. Particularly is this so with Germany, and also in the case of sub-

official biographer of the late Jam Sahib of Nawangan (Ranjitsingh).

His entry with his A.D.C., that half the Englishmen in the room rose to their feet.

A particular friend of his, however, walked up, slapped him on the back, and shouted a welcome. The impressive dignity of the Maharajah dropped immediately. He had changed in a second from the autocratic ruler to the prince of good fellows. I believe he really loved to show this other side of his character.

Patiala was never more happy than when embarking on some stupendous entertainment for the honouring of a favoured guest. His subjects, too, were delighted to observe that the State of Patiala could spend more money on entertainment than any other.

The guest houses erected for visitors, and the lavishness of his hospitality were a matter of pride to every one of those who looked on the Maharajah as their father and their protector.

His army was one of the finest in the country. As its leader on ceremonial parades he was equally well known in Pall Mall as in the jungles of Rajasthan.

### WRESTLING CONTEST

ONE of his most prodigious feats of entertainment was a wrestling match between a local product, announced by his Highness, in the language of the true boasting sportsman, to be a world benter, and an American wrestler whom Patiala invited as his guest all the way from the United States to Central India.

Thousands of his peasants travelled night and day to witness the epic battle. The contest was staged in an immense, specially built arena, and was proudly announced by his Highness to be the championship of the world—a kind of wrestling match to end all wrestling matches. It lasted precisely three seconds. I even forgot who won. But Patiala was pleased.

In the war he was an honoured visitor to the front, and his charitable work was by no means confined to the signing of his name in a cheque book.

He lived to be honoured by his fellow Princes for many years as Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, and throughout the term the Maharajah of Patiala who stood always in the thick of the battle.

His immense height—he was about 6ft. 4in.—the great strings of pearls that almost covered his chest and shoulders on state occasions, and the elegance of his Sikh beard, became very familiar to the London crowds, and he loved the cheers that always greeted him.

The Maharajah, who was 48, will be succeeded by his son, the Maharaj



# NOTED HISTORIAN PREDICTS ANOTHER WORLD WAR: PEACE DEPENDS ON SOVIET RUSSIA

## Warplanes Will Be Determining Factor In Next European Conflict

### Future of World Expressed In Barrels of Petroleum

[In 1914 Harvard Professor Albert Bushnell Hart predicted that the United States would enter the World War and that the allies would win. In the following interview with the United Press he forecasts developments in the current European crisis.]

By Homer Jenks

United Press Staff Correspondent

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. APR. 20.

ALBERT BUSHNELL HART, DEAN OF UNITED STATES HISTORIANS, IS CONVINCED THAT ANOTHER EUROPEAN WAR IS INEVITABLE.

"The United States will not enter into any war unless it is clear that our national existence is threatened," the white-bearded Harvard professor-emeritus added in an interview with the United Press.

He believed that Adolf Hitler, dreaming of a new and greater German empire, would seize Czechoslovakia "perhaps within four weeks—at least within four months."

"No military force that can be raised could prevent Germany from taking Czechoslovakia," he said. "The Czechs could not hold out four days. There would perhaps be one battle—a showdown."

Next—or perhaps before—Hitler will annex Poland, he predicted.

"I had expected him to take over Poland before this, even before Austria. I don't see why he had held off so long. His international defence for such a step would be stronger than for taking Czechoslovakia. The people of western Poland, the aristocracy, are either Germans or German-speaking. And of course, if he were going to move into western Poland, he would take over the whole country. The Poles are a gallant people, but they have no organization that could resist Hitler's troops for three days."

The Baltic States—Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia—and Finland likewise will fall to Germany, probably in bloodless revolution, Hart believed.

"That will link Germany and Russia cheek by jowl. Then it will be only a matter of time before war breaks out."

"Britain and France will be forced to side with Russia, and Germany is patting Italy on the back and telling her, 'Don't be scared.'"

PEACE DEPENDS ON SOVIET  
He said the only thing that can stop the expansion of the German empire, barring Hitler's death, is Russia.

"The peace of the next few years depends on Russia," he said. Russia thinks Germany is setting up too powerful a state in western Europe, and may jump at a distant date. But Russia apparently is unwilling to go to war just yet. She seems too busy perfecting her military organization and her fortifications.

When Great Britain and France declare war on Germany, Hart said, Hitler will occupy the Netherlands within 48 hours to gain control of the Dutch seaports.

Norway, Sweden and Denmark will be forced into this next war, he predicted.

On the south, Germany would occupy Switzerland because of its strategic military positions, Hart declared.

AIRPLANES BIG FACTOR  
He believed airplanes would be the determining factor in the next war. "Probably the future of the next war could be expressed in terms of barrels of oil," he said. "And neither Germany nor the nations marked for the new empire have any source of oil. In Europe only Russia has sufficient wells to supply her needs."

Hart said that Germany for years has been importing and storing oil against the emergency of war but contended that a year of war would exhaust the supply.

Germany is getting most of her oil from the United States, he said. "And if we don't want to get tangled up in the next war, we ought to stop sending supplies to probable enemies. We are putting arms in the hands of the principal belligerents. It is terribly against our interests."

Even though Germany should provoke the United States to the extent for the Crown was that she was, although her body was not recovered, for there could not be any possibility of her having been picked up by a motor-boat or junk as there was none in the vicinity at the time.

LAW ON SUICIDE PACT  
Counsel concluded by pointing out that the law in respect of suicide pact was that the one who failed was guilty of the murder of the one who succeeded.

After Sergeant H. W. Jackson had produced photographs of the launch, Chan So testified to having seen accused throw a woman overboard.

Cross-examined, witness said she could see what happened in the stern from where she sat. She did not hear a female voice saying, "Ah, Lung I don't want to die."

When Chan So testified to the last witness said that she heard cries of "Save my life," Chan So said.

### FILM STARS BOUND FOR THE CIRCUS IN HOLLYWOOD



GARBED IN THE APPROVED MANNER of the western plains, according to the movies, here are Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Taylor, screen stars, on their way to a circus party given in Hollywood by Mrs. Frank Borzage, wife of the film director. They are often spoken of as engaged.

### TAI MO SHAN'S SISTER SHIP READY TO SAIL

Those who were thrilled in 1933 by the exploit of the five British naval officers who sailed their 23-ton ketch "Tai Mo Shan" from Hongkong to Dartmouth will be interested to hear that a sister-raft has been constructed at the Wing On Shing Shipyard at Cheung Sha Wan.

As in the case of the "Tai Mo Shan," the new boat, named the "Mo On Shan" has been designed by Mr. H. S. Rouse, of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. The owners are Squadron Leader G. Francis, of the Singapore Royal Air Force, and Mrs. Francis.

The 57-foot seven inch "Ma On Shan" is equipped with a paraffin engine and two hollow masts. Squadron Leader Francis and Mrs. Francis intend to sail for Singapore on Wednesday morning. They sail the boat themselves with the help of two Chinese sailors.

Squadron Leader Francis told the Telegraph to-day that it was possible that he and his wife might continue the voyage to England from Singapore, but at the moment nothing has been settled. His plans, he said, would not be completed until he arrived at Singapore.

"TAI MO SHAN" EPIC  
The story of the "Tai Mo Shan" is worth recalling. Five British naval officers, Lieut. Commr. M.B. Sherwood, Lieut. R.E.D. Ryder, Lieut. P. S. Francis, Lieut. G. S. Salt and Surg. Lieut. C. Ommanney-Davis, of the China Station, sailed from Hongkong on May 21, 1933, and arrived at Dartmouth almost exactly a year later after a voyage of approximately 16,000 miles—which has since become a classic in British Naval and world shipping annals. They sailed by way of Japan and Kamchatka, Behring Sea, the Aleutian Islands, Panama Canal, the Bahamas.

So successful was the enterprise that official recognition was given the crew for its work in navigation, and the Admiralty purchased the vessel. At one time the vessel was used by young officers who required a sailing experience.

BANISHEE BACK TOO SOON  
Detained by the police yesterday for a suspected offence, Wong Fuh-wah, 50, was discovered to be a banishee when his finger prints were taken.

On a charge of breach of the Deportation Ordinance at the Central Magistracy to-day Wong was sentenced to three months' hard labour. He was banished from Hongkong for 10 years in August 1925, and his term of banishment was to expire 12 months ago.

His Lordship granted the petition and directed that adequate publicity be given.

### Arctic Party Reports On Findings

Moscow, April 24.  
Professor Otto Schmidt, bearded hero of a number of Arctic expeditions, who was recently reported to be in "disgrace," was present at a meeting of the Soviet Academy of Sciences here during the week-end, and made a short speech.

Three out of the four scientists who spent nine months drifting on an ice-ber, reported to the meeting on the work they had carried out, and related interesting results of depth soundings in the Central Polar basin, and showed samples of ground taken from a depth of two and a half miles.

The Academy decided to institute a prize to commemorate the exploit of the ice-ber scientists. It will be awarded every three years for the best scientific achievement in the Arctic regions.—Reuter.

### CAPITAL CUT IN HALF

The reduction of capital from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000 of the Heung On Insurance Co., Ltd. was confirmed by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Appearing for the Company, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida, Jr., instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin, said it was clear from the petition and from the affidavit in support filed by Mr. Choy Hing, a director, that the reduction sought was for reasons connected with the depression.

His Lordship granted the petition and directed that adequate publicity be given.

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5.15 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.20 (a) Once In A While; (b) It Don't Mean A Thing; (c) Spanish Memories; (d) Shim Sham Shimmy.

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5.40 (a) Afraid To Dream; (b) Stardust On The Moon; (c) The Girl With The Dreamy Eyes; (d) Dinah.

5.55 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

6.0 (a) All The Way From Ireland; (b) Adieu To Love, Adieu; (c) I Hum A Waltz.

6.15 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

6.20 (a) Riverboat Shuffle; (b) Crazy Feet; (c) Stompin' The Blues Away.

6.30 For The Children.

Alice In Wonderland... Frank Luther (with Instrumental Accompaniment); Medley Of Shirley Temple Songs (From "Four Little Rich Girls")... Henderson Twins with Orchestra; Uncle Peter's Children's Party... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

6.45 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

Macushla (Josephine V. Rowe); Dermot Macmurrough; Too Late To-morrow (Langenberg); Open Your Window To The Morn, Op. 56, No. 3 (Royce—Phillips).

6.55 Beethoven—Concerto No. 1 In C Major, Op. 15.

Played by Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and The London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

7.33 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.35 Variety.

Cinema Organ—Once In A While (Green—Edward); "Rosale"—Selection (Cole Porter)... Al Bollington at the Organ of the Paramount Theatre, London; Sketch—Going To The Pictures (Reynell and West)... The Two Cockney Kids (Ethel Reynell and Gracie West); Dance Band—Slow Fox-Trot Medley; Quick-Step Medley... Jack Dent and Norrie Moore (Two Pianists with Bass and Drums); Orch. with Organ—"Big Broadcast of 1938"—Selection (Robin-Ralinger)... Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orch. London.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Chinese Programme—Relay from The Lee Theatre.

11.0 Close Down.

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZEK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 London Relay—"Empire Exchanges."

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

8.20 Walter Gieseking At The Piano.

Sonata In B Flat Major (Mozart—K. 570).

8.30 Selections From Opera.

"Don Giovanni"—Overture (Mozart)... State Orchestra, Berlin, cond. by Dr. Leo Blech; Within These Sacred Walls ("The Magic Flute"—Mozart); O Isis and Osiris ("The Magic Flute"—Mozart); Ivar Andersen (Bass) with Orch. accomp. cond. by Fritz Zweig; Casta Diva ("Norma"—Act 1—Romanelli); Ina Suez (Soprano) Orch. cond. by John Barbirolli; Recordita Armonia ("Tosca"—Act 1—Illica and Giacosa—Puccini); Enrica Caruso (Tenor) with Symphony Orchestra.

9.05 Light Orchestra.

Napoli (Tarantelle—Mezzanapo); Chant De Sirene (Celebre Chanson Italienne—V. Solvatti, junior);... Orchestra Napolitana; La Paloma (Spanish Serenade—Yradier); The Trailing Arbutus (Friedman);... Columbia Concert Orchestra; Sage-bockwitzer—Fantasie... Eddie Saxon and His German Orch.; Dream Of Autumn (Joyce); Choristers' Waltz (Phipps)... London Novelty Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Robert Elsdell

(Tenor)

Two Tired Old Eyes (P. Kenyon and J. H. Squire); Always As I Close My Eyes (Handfield-Jones and E. Coates); Thinkin' Of Mary (Ashby and T. C. Stenbridge Bennett).

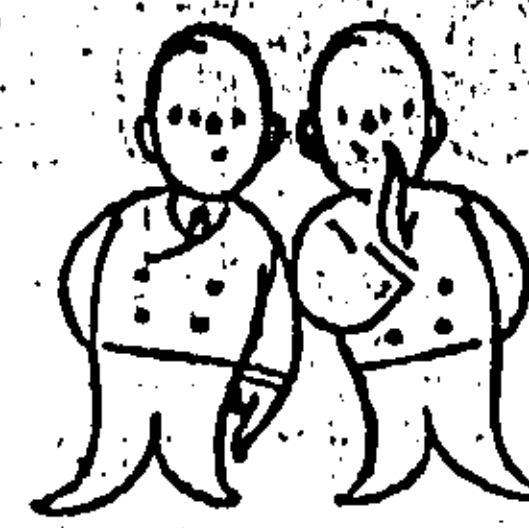
10.0 London Relay—"In Town To-night"

10.15 Latest Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Ostrich Walk; Riverboat Shuffle... Frankie Trumbauer and His Orchestra; Silver Sails On Moonlit Waters; On The Bridge Of Signs... Ronnie Munro and His Orch. with vocal refrain; Waltz—The Waltz (1938); Fox-Trot—You Took The Words Right Out Of My Heart (From "Big Broadcast of 1938")... Henry Jacques (Britain's Champion Dancer of 1934-35) and His Correct Dance Tempo Orch. The Boyen Sens;—Little Heaven Of The Boyen Sens; Hawaiian Hospitality (From "Rhythm In The Clouds")... Ronnie Munro and His Orch. with vocal refrain; And His Accordion Band with vocal refrain.

11.0 Close Down.

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# SOUTH CHINA'S EXPECTATIONS NOT FULFILLED

## LEAGUE TITLE NOT YET DECIDED

(By "Abe")

THE week-end, which was to provide such a triumph for the South Athletic Association in local football, did not come up to expectations. The programme gave them an opportunity of winning both the League Championship and the Senior Shield; but they were beaten by Eastern in the League and the Shield match was postponed, so they will have to wait another week for whatever successes they hope to score.

### Deferred Pleasure?

It may be that the winning of the League Championship is only a deferred pleasure for South China "B," nevertheless their defeat by Eastern has taken them back considerably and now they have to beat the Royal Scots before they can be sure of winning. Few people who have followed local football closely this season would have imagined that the Eastern men were capable of lowering the colours of South China "B." If anything, they would have thought that the Middlesex had a stiffer task against the Royal Scots. But things turned out the other way round. South China "B" were always up against it in their tie with Eastern whereas the Middlesex players had things much their own way against the Royal Scots.

### Chances Lessened

THE position in the League following the results of the week-end is this. The Middlesex have now completed their programme with 30 points from 18 matches, while South China "B" have only 29 points. A draw with the Royal Scots this week-end will enable them to tie with the Middlesex and a win will give them the championship; but a defeat means that the honours will go to the Middlesex. At one time almost certain of winning the League, the South China "B" are now in a rather precarious position. They are not looking forward to the match without qualms. And the reason for their discomfort is that the Royal Scots are improving with every match they play in the Colony.

### Shield Tie Postponed

THE weather conspired to rob the Caroline Hill players of what ever satisfaction that had been left to them. It rained and it rained and it rained, and the officials had no alternative but to postpone the match. At one time there was every prospect of the game being decided. The referee and the linesmen were there; the players had turned up; and the ground was ready. But the rain showed no sign of abating, and by 4.10 p.m. the ground was under water. Following an examination of the ground, it was announced "No Play."

### Home Football

ARSENAL kept themselves in the running for the championship in the First Division of the English Football League by winning their away match against Preston North End on Saturday. In view of the fact that Preston have their eyes set on the F.A. Cup, the final of which will be played on Saturday, Arsenal

## Modern Mercury's Feet Run Fastest Mile



**HISTORY'S FASTEST MILE**—Flying feet of a modern Mercury ran the fastest mile ever recorded for humans, when Glenn Cunningham, 28-year-old Kansan, made the distance in 4:04.4, on Dartmouth College's springs board track at Hanover, N. H. But those legs and feet once were so crippled he believed Cunningham never would walk again.

A schoolhouse fire, when he was a lad of eight in Elkhart, Kas., not only cost his brother's life but crippled the toes of Glenn's left foot and left no thing but thin scar tissue to protect his leg muscles from the air. "Now he quit his crutches to over-

come that terrible handicap reaches a dramatic climax in his recent amazing achievement.

Here are action pictures of the runner. At left, his running form as he rounds the track. Top right, the feet that ran the fastest mile. Lower right, symmetry and rhythm in Cunningham's stride.

Cunningham, studying for a Ph.D. degree at New York University, lives with his wife and baby near famous Washington Square, New York City. He runs under the colors of the New York Curb Exchange Athletic Club.

## SCOTS RUGBY LESSON FOR ENGLAND

### Triumph Built Up On Attacking

By J. P. Jordan

London, Mar. 22. Scotland's triumph in the international Rugby championship provides a splendid example of how bold methods of selection pay—a lesson that should be taken to heart by the England selection committee in future.

When the first Scottish team was announced, with its eight new caps, those responsible for choosing the side made a shrewd move by moving R. W. Shaw, one of the strongest attacking players of the day, from centre of stand-off half. That proved one of the secrets of Scotland's unbroken triumphs.

It made for an attacking back division capable of overcoming any deficiencies elsewhere.

England erred right from the start of the campaign, and I am not being wise after the event, for months ago I criticised the selectors' policy of safety first.

#### SPARKLE NEEDED

All along it was urged that what the England back division needed was sparkle. Heavy footed and blundering backs do not score tries, which are—or should be—the first object in a game of Rugby football. It was obvious from the beginning

value. Discreet judges know the fallacy of picking players because they shine on the sand floors of April.

#### NEW DAVIS CUP TEAM

England cannot field its Davis Cup team of last year. Austin is giving up his place to a younger man, Raymond Tuckey is tied to business, Charles Hare has taken up an appointment in America. Only Frank Wilde, of the four playing in the last challenge round, will probably be available.

Three vacancies are thus created. To fill them with a prospect of recapturing the Cup this year is a desperate task; to put in men who will benefit by the experience of stern and disciplined play is a hopeful alternative.

In this matter I think inherent skill, stamina and temperament (Continued on Page 9.)

### Tennis Replay Fixed For To-day

At the time of writing, the rain has stopped, but nevertheless it is extremely doubtful whether the court will be a fit state for the semi-final replay between H. D. Rijnhuizen and Tsui Yun-pui in the Colony Tennis Singles Championship this afternoon.

These two have already met twice before but no decision could be reached each time. The first match was called with the scores at two sets all and four games all, and the second was halted with Tsui leading by two sets to one and 8-8 in the fourth set.

If play is possible to-day, the match will start at 4 p.m.

## ENGLISH DAVIS CUP TEAM TO BE FOUND

Filby And Shayes Should Be Tried

By A. Wallis Myers

London, Mar. 23. The selectors of representative British teams will soon have to make their choice—for the first Davis Cup match, which is only a few weeks away, and for the women's matches against Australia and America, which come a little later.

Spring hard court tournaments—and they follow in sequence now right up to the British championships at Bournemouth—will offer a line on relative form, but not necessarily a conclusive line. Tournament hazards are notorious; team matches have captains and are perhaps more searching.

Besides, the Australian women's match at Manchester and the Wightman Cup match at Wimbledon will be decided on turf, on which strokes and their authors have a different

## HOUGH KNOCKED OUT Martin Trounces a Boxer Weary of Fighting

By Geoffrey Simpson

London, Mar. 22. Frank Hough, the most-discussed fighter of the season, finished his contest at the National Sporting Club, Earl's Court, last night, taking the count on one knee in the ninth round—beaten more completely than he has ever been since he was elevated to a top-of-the-bill boxer.

His conqueror was the coloured London cruiser-weight Tommy Martin, who only last December was boxed thirteen times by Hough and knocked out by him.

The transformation in the form last night tells its own revealing story. Hough looked like a man weary of fighting, bereft of speed, of fire and punching power. He lost the first round by a wide margin, and went on losing most of the others in a dull, helpless sort of way.

His manager said afterwards that Hough was not fit. He did not look fit, and his weight, 12st. 9½lb., was above his best. But fight weariness more than lack of condition rendered Hough such an easy victim. He is now paying the penalty of the fight-a-week programme he forced upon himself.

Last night's reckoning was a painful one for Hough. The fight was terribly one-sided. Martin, with his dancing feet and fast-working left jab, outpaced him, outboxed him—at times even making him look foolishly impotent.

### FUTILE SWINGS

Hough was slow about the ring, and Martin was so quick to score and get away that Hough was reduced to swinging blows from long distance at non-existent openings. For four rounds Hough hardly landed a punch worthy of the name, and in the fourth round he was made to suffer the indignity of a knock-down from a man who is by no means a weighty puncher.

Martin gave him a right hook to the jaw and then one to the body and down went Hough to his knees to take a rest of seven seconds.

Hough was so easy to hit that a good puncher must have made short work of him, game though he was. But Martin, though a smart boxer with a straight left, is a light hitter, and his right is not of great account. So the struggle was prolonged until the ninth round, by which time Hough was thoroughly worn out by his endeavours to catch an elusive rival.

### HOUGH'S EYE CUT

Occasionally, Martin would stop his ring circling, stand close up to Hough, and punch furiously with both hands. Hough was then able to do some good for himself with his harder hooks and swings. But as soon as Martin found himself shaken he would revert to his speedy distance boxing—and Hough could never cope with this.

The end came when Hough's left eye was cut in the ninth round. This

roused Martin to make another attempt at close range punching, and he had not let many blows travel when Hough went down from a right hook on his chin and stayed down.

Hough was fully conscious as he knelt, but he was obviously beaten, and had little strength left in his legs.

Martin is now to meet Merlo Preciso, of Italy. As for Hough, it seems as though his big fight days are over for some time to come. He badly wants a rest.

### Football

## MACAO PREPARES FOR INTERPORT WITH HONGKONG

Macao, April 22.

Keen enthusiasm is evinced in football circles here over the Interport match which is shortly to be staged in Hongkong between the best side Macao can muster and a selection from the Hongkong Second Division.

Macao's team will doubtless consist of most of the players who represented this Colony in the recent encounter with the Islington Corinthians, but players are being carefully chosen from among the four soccer clubs.

The following are listed as Probables: Carvalho, Lobato, Ho Cho-seng, Cordova, Lau Hing-chol, Alrosa, Rego, Colaco, Santos, Lau Chong-sang, Lopes.

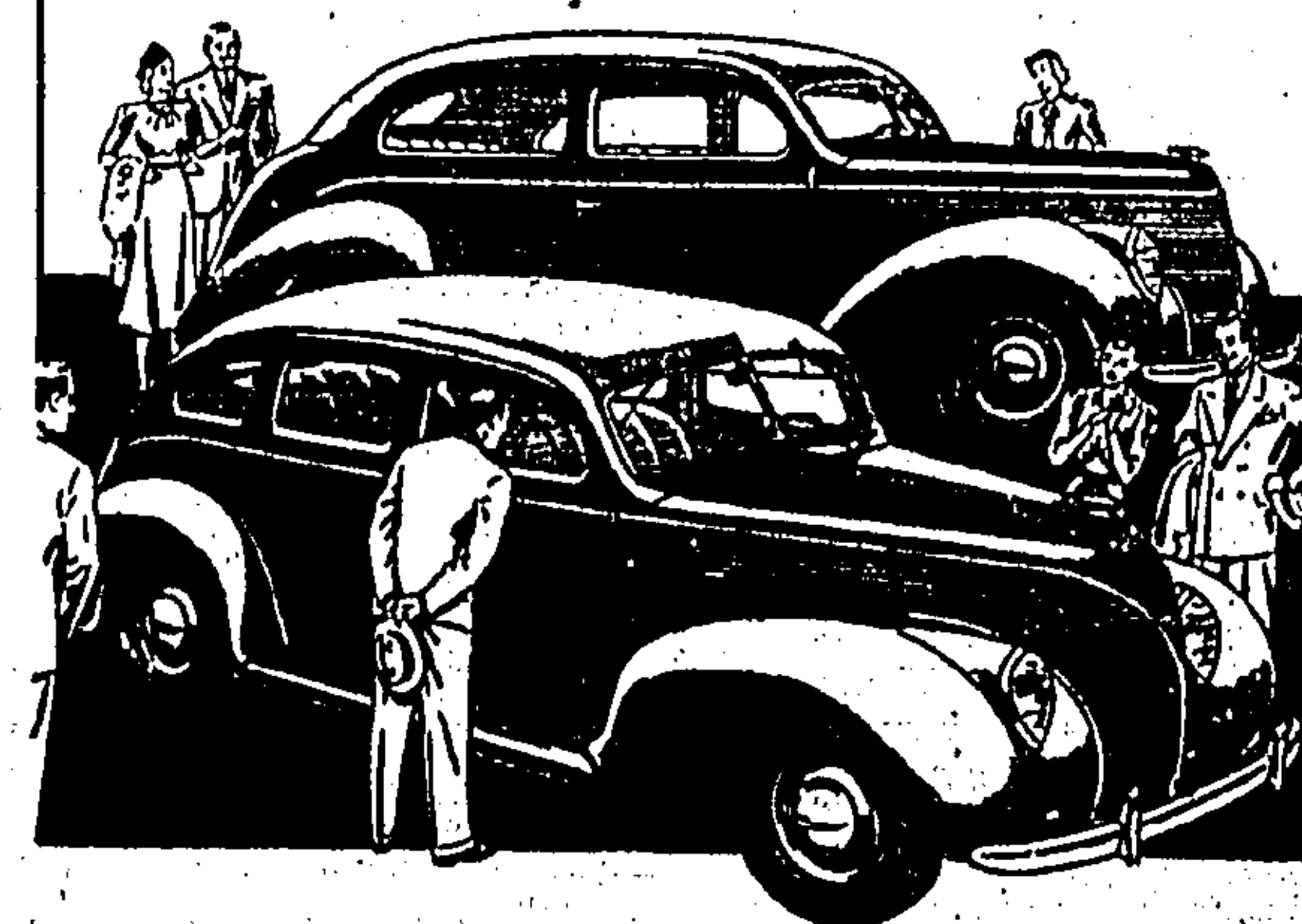
Possibles: Fernandes, Lei Nga, Badarraco, Magalhaes, Lam San, Cacao, Assis, Jesus, Guerreiro, Marques, Santos.

Of the players listed in the trials, Carvalho, the youngest player, is a brilliant custodian, while Ho Cho-seng is Macao's stalwart left-back. Colaco, skipper, does more than his full share of work in the forward line, and Alrosa, brilliant hockey centre-half, is most dependable in his position at left-half in football.

The forthcoming match is the second Interport soccer match: the first which was played here last season was won by Macao.

A football association has been formed in Macao with Brig. Gen. Temudo de Vera as president. Mr. E. de Silva, member of the Hongkong Rovers Association, is devoting himself whole-heartedly to the work of organising the team preparatory to their meeting the Hongkong team.—Our Own Correspondent.

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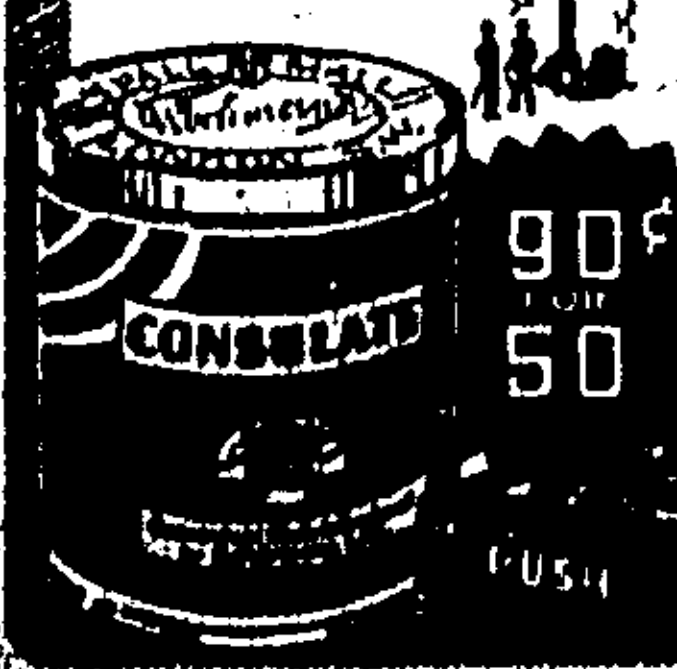
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## RECORDS BROKEN AT GERMAN RACES

Hanover, Apr. 24.  
At the first German motor races held this year yesterday on the Eilenriede track near Hanover, certain new records were established. In the 250 c.c.m. class machines, Kluge on DKW improved the record established a few months ago by him in Australia. His own best performance for the 288 kilometres distance namely 100 kilometres per hour was improved to 117 kilometres per hour.

Winkler on DKW in the 350 c.c.m. class reached 110.2 kilometres per hour, also a new record.

The fastest racing of the day was by Maier on B.M.W. 50 in the 300 c.c.m. class with 128.1 kilometres per hour, thus improving the absolute record by 3 kms. per hour.—Trans-Ocean.

## "BUNNY" AUSTIN IN FORM

London, Apr. 24.  
"Bunny" Austin the famous English tennis ace, is already in his best form. In the finals at the Brighton tournament Austin beat Iron Rogers. Rogers had beforehand played against the Chinese, Kuo Sin-ke, defeating him 6-1, 6-1.—Trans-Ocean.

## GYMKHANA POSTPONED

The gymkhana arranged by the Kowloon Riding School for yesterday afternoon, was postponed because of the heavy rain. It is hoped to hold it at 2.30 p.m. next Saturday.

## KING'S NEXT CHANGE



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## Snow White and the Dwarfs Inspire a Sermon



A world that thought itself in love with sophistication has suddenly turned to the simple wholesome side of movie entertainment. Dr. Christian F. Reiser, pastor of Broadway Temple Methodist Episcopal Church, told his audience in a recent special Sunday evening sermon devoted to the Walt Disney picture, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," which has had a phenomenal five weeks' run in New York's largest theatre.

His talk of this RKO Radio Picture was preceded with a playlet by a group of children, and by slides of scenes from the film. The playlet, devised by Edward J. Hayes, who has had charge of the Broadway Temple's church plays since 1930, took in the highlights of the action, from the jealousy of the queen through the friendship of Snow White and the dwarfs, to the arrival of the prince to break the enchanted sleep of the princess.

"It is a good sign when more than a half million persons in this one city of New York flock to 'Snow White,'" Dr. Reiser declared. "It shows that when something that is great in its simplicity, and simple in its greatness arrives, there is an audience for it. I spoke to mothers and young people in the lobby of the Music Hall, after I saw the picture—which I mean to see at least half a dozen times. All of them agreed that it was the finest picture they had ever seen."

"Just several blocks away on Broadway there are plays running which are debasing in their appeal. But 'Snow White' is the triumph of all the principles for which the church has fought. It glorifies happiness, simplicity, goodness, and dramatizes both vice and virtue as no other drama has done since the days of the Morality Plays in the Middle Ages."

## ENGLISH DAVIS CUP TEAM TO BE FOUND

(Continued from Page 8.)

should be the governing factors. Records are not imperative; new men are chosen to make them. It is potentiality that counts.

For this reason, as a spectator with a player's experience, I would be inclined to try Eric Filby and Ronald Shays in the singles, and Wilde and Donald Butler in the doubles. And I should be quite prepared to find that my tip has not been followed.

More material for choice is offered in the women's realm, and here, since the big matches are to be decided on grass, more circumspection is required. But the delay in indicating a possible team should not be extended beyond a period when uncertainty may affect confidence. Late decisions have cost us matches in the past.

## WIGHTMAN CUP TEAM

Mrs. Little, the champion, will not be available this season. The next three on the official list, Miss Hardwick, Miss Scriven and Miss Stammers, will be, and it is not unlikely that for singles these three will be picked, although, when it comes to grading, their order may be reversed. For doubles there is likely to be—there certainly should be—definite changes. The inclusion of Miss A. M. Yorke, the joint holder of the British and French championships, is called for. No better partner could be found for her than Miss James.

They are born doubles players, and might, with confident training, make an invincible pair. They were nearly so five years ago, when, for no apparent reason, they separated.

Miss Yorke's inclusion will allow Miss Stammers, if her best form returns, to concentrate on singles. For the second doubles pair Miss Jean Saunders and Miss Valerie Scott are indicated. An alliance that has already won distinction and a team that enjoys the strength of sympathetic union.

And we shall need a practised, courageous women's team, for the Australian girls will be mobile and skilful, and the American Wightman Cup defending team will probably include Mrs. Moody, Miss Marble, Miss Jacobs, Miss Bundy, Miss Palfrey and Mrs. Van Ryn, with Miss Wheeler in reserve.

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T.T. Japan	105 1/2
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	30 1/2
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## To-day's Tennis Postponed

It is officially announced that the tie between H. D. Rumsdahl and Tsui Yun-pui cannot be played this afternoon owing to the state of the court.

The date fixed for the replay will be announced in due course.

The finals of the Open Singles and the Open Doubles, arranged for Wednesday and Friday respectively this week, have been put back until next week. The singles final will be decided on Tuesday and the doubles on Thursday.

## SOURCE OF MAIL FIRE EXPLAINED

Inflammable Chemical  
In Shanghai Bags

The analyst's report on two of the mail fires which have occurred in Hongkong within the last eight days, has been received at the same time as the arrival of M. Chapelin of the Shanghai Post Office here to assist in police investigations.

The Postmaster-General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, stated to-day that on this report there was no evidence to show that a bomb or ignition apparatus was responsible for the destruction of the mail. The analyst had found considerable traces of caustic soda which led him to believe that packages containing metallic sodium—a highly inflammable substance in a naked state—were contained in the mail and that this chemical started the fire. The proximity of flames in the first case added to the flames.

These facts probably accounted for the fires which destroyed and damaged mail in the General Post Office on Sunday and Monday last week, said Mr. Wynne-Jones. That mail was sent from Shanghai for Hankow, Chungking, Changsha and the interior.

As regards the steamer Kwang-tung's mail fire yesterday, the cause was unknown, but the mail on board had been received from a variety of places.

Question as to the legality of such articles as metallic sodium and films in the mail, Mr. Wynne-Jones said that films were allowed to be sent through the mail provided they were in certain packing—tins within a wooden box. In this case, the films were in tins but were not in a wooden box. As regards chemicals, etc., it was prohibited to mail corrosive and inflammable substances.

The responsibility for the presence of such articles in the mail rested with the dispatching Post Office, agreed Mr. Wynne-Jones. He added that Hongkong would not normally be concerned with these incidents since the mails would have gone straight through instead of being landed here for re-transmission. Hongkong was acting as an exchange for mail because of the hostilities.

The Postmaster-General stated that Shanghai was immediately informed by cable of the occurrence.

## LATEST GOLF RESULTS

R. E. H. Nelson (15), with a score of one down, won the Bogey (Par) Pool at Fanning (Old Course) over the week-end. There were 22 entries.

In the Adamson Cup, 1937-38, match play stages at Happy Valley, F. Buckle (15) beat T. B. Low (11) and T. D. Paton (8) beat G. T. May (15) 4 and 3 in the semi-finals.

## CYCLE THIEF CAPTURED

A Chinese, Wong Kau, 17, having stolen a bicycle belonging to the Public Works Department, which was left outside the Hongkong Bank on April 11, was caught when he attempted to steal another, belonging to the Great Northern Telegraph Co., on Friday.

Wong appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at Central Magistrate's Court this morning. He pleaded guilty to both charges.

Detective-Sergeant D. Dowman, the prosecuting officer, said that about 1.45 p.m. on Friday, Loh Chung, messenger of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., on entering the Bank of China, left his bicycle at the door. As he was mounting the steps, he saw defendant get on the bicycle and ride away. He gave chase but was unable to catch him.

A fink of the G.N.T. who happened to be riding by, was surprised to see a man not in uniform riding a bicycle belonging to his firm. He followed defendant very closely, though defendant raced along the streets. Finally, near Chinese Street, defendant stopped and was arrested by a Chinese constable.

Continuing, Det. Sergeant Dowman said that the bicycle belonging to the P.W.D. was sold at Shamshun and was re-purchased by defendant's father and handed over to the police.

Before concluding, the prosecuting officer said that the thefts of bicycles from the streets of the Colony were very great lately, four to five daily.

His Worship remarked that it was a serious offence, but taking into consideration his age, he bound defendant over in \$50 for a year.



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## Baseball

## "DIZZY" BLANKS CARDINALS

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To Win Match

New York, Apr. 24.  
"Dizzy" Dean, erstwhile pitching ace of the St. Louis Cardinals and now with the Chicago Cubs, demonstrated in no uncertain fashion that his pitching is as good as ever by helping his new team to blank out his old club-mates in National Baseball League to-day.

Dean allowed the Cardinals only four scattered hits in the course of the nine innings, and none of the successful batters reached the home plate. The Cubs themselves went on to score five runs from eight safeties.

Besides the St. Louis Cardinals, two other teams, the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Philadelphia Phillies, were also blanked. The Dodgers suffered at the hands of the New York Giants, though the latter won only as the result of a home run by Melvin Ott. Schumacher pitched for the Giants, allowing only one hit throughout.

The Phillies hit three times but could not get home while the Boston Braves registered twice from seven hits. MacFayden pitched for the Braves.

## YANKEES WIN

The New York Yankees, last year's World Series winners, had a close struggle with the Washington Senators and won by four runs to three. The St. Louis Browns beat the Chicago White Sox by the same score.

Helped by home runs by Johnson and Liddigan, the Philadelphia Athletics trounced the Boston Red Sox by 10-4, and the Cleveland Indians beat Detroit Tigers 9-4.

## Scores:

NATIONAL LEAGUE	R.	H.	E.
New York	1	10	0
Brooklyn	0	1	2
(Ott homered for the Giants, and Schumacher pitched).			

Philadelphia	0	3	1
Boston	2	7	1
(MacFayden pitched for the Braves).			

Cincinnati	1	5	0
Pittsburgh	2	6	0
St. Louis	0	4	2

Chicago	5	8	0
(Dean pitched for the Cubs).			

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington	3	8	1
New York	4	7	1
(Goslin homered for the Senators and Dickey for the Yankees).			

Boston	4	8	2
Philadelphia	10	14	1
(Johnson and Liddigan homered for the Athletics).			

Cleveland	9	14	1
Detroit	4	8	2
(Hale, Trosky and Lary homered for the Indians).			

Chicago	3	8	0
St. Louis	4	12	1
—Reuter.			

## SPORT ADVTS.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 7th May, 1938, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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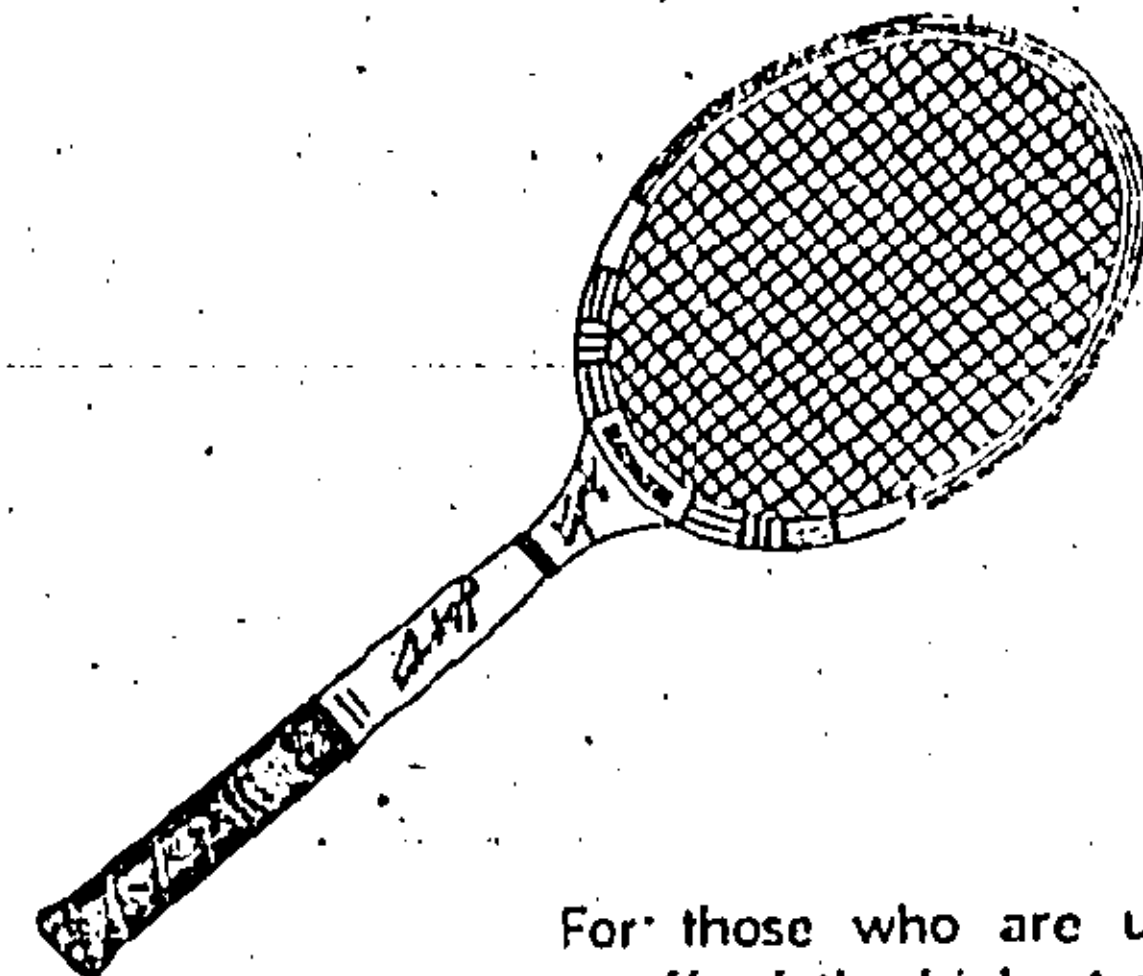
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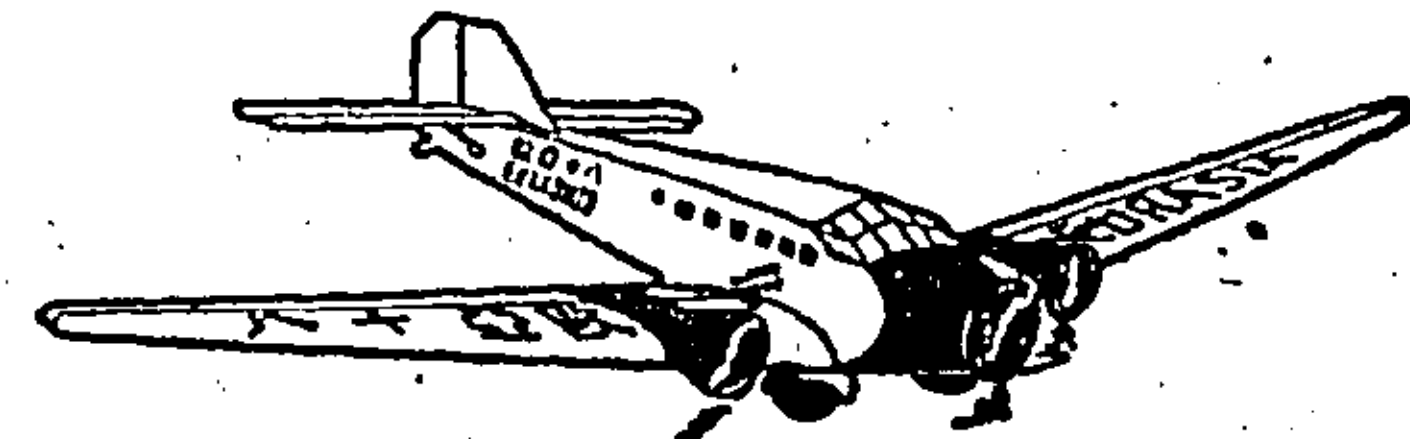
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## Chapter One

"Your five and here are ten more." Jerry Warriner riffled a red and blue chip from his pile and tossed them into the pot. "I'll see you," he said.

"Aces full," said George, showing his cards.

Jerry grinned. "That's not enough, my good man. Four little ladies here isn't 'tain't enough."

"I give up," George complained. "I haven't won a hand from you now in three, four days."

"Say, that reminds me. What time is it?" Jerry asked.

Dave Martin reached back, lifted the curtain and flooded the room with sunlight. He looked at his watch.

"Ten-thirty-five," he announced, "and a lovely day it is, too."

"Oh-ho," Jerry shook his head. "Time for me to pick up my man-bles and go home like a good little boy. I'm due back from Florida this afternoon."

A few minutes later Jerry strode into the locker room of his athletic club, stripped quickly and stretched out on the massage table.

"Turn on the sun lamp, Hank," he called to the attendant. "and give me all I've got. I've got to get a deep Florida tan and I've got to get it in the next three hours. Give her the gun!"

Frank Randall, another member of the club, paused beside Jerry. "Hello, Jerry," he said. "Say, you look awfully pale for a guy who just had a week in Florida."

Jerry grinned at him. "You know," he said, "that's what I thought, too."

"Oh — ho! I get it. You didn't go to Florida at all. Putting one over on the wife eh?"

Jerry frowned. "No I'm not," he insisted. "Not the way you mean, anyhow. It's just that — well, don't

"Oh!" Lucy fluttered from Jerry's arms. "You know Armando Lovelle, don't you. Armando and I have had the most terrible time. His car broke down last night. This morning, rather — a million miles from nowhere and we had to stay the night at the most unspeakable inn you ever saw. It was dreadful. We were coming home from the Junior Prom and —"

"And will you forgive my automobile's imperfect performance?" Armando asked.

"Of course," Jerry said. "How could you help that?"

"I'm afraid we'll have to be going," Jerry said. "We're having an early dinner and then we're off to the theatre."

Armando was waiting for Lucy and Jerry in the living room when they had said goodbye to their guests. "The next time I take your wife out, Mr. Warriner," he said, "I hope —"

"I hope you buy a new car," Jerry cut in. "Or else I'll loan you mine. By the way, are you hungry?"

"Why, yes. I'm starved," Armando beamed.

"Then why not run out and eat a bite?" Jerry suggested pointedly.

Lovelle started at Jerry. "Mr. Warriner, what have I done?" he asked.

"That's what I'm going to find out," Jerry replied grimly.

"Why, Jerry, you can't believe —"

Lucy broke in.

"I'll discuss it in private," Jerry said. "That is, if Mr. Lovelle remembers where we keep our door."

Lovelle bowed stiffly and left. Jerry turned to Lucy.

"Now, what have you to say for yourself?" he demanded.

Lucy sighed. "You know, I know you were going to say just that," she said. Then she began to speak, patiently — as a mother explains something to a child. "Armando was invited to the

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## Those Mythical Russians

## Truth About the Great War Hoax

By "AN OLD STAGER"

NOT having a private warehouse at my disposal, I have had to suppose to be its photographs of familiar and unfamiliar war scenes, as they were then and are now. The contrast is usually startling beyond words, and intensely interesting to all those who knew them "then."

The main feature of the review is supposed to be its photographs of familiar and unfamiliar war scenes, as they were then and are now. The contrast is usually startling beyond words, and intensely interesting to all those who knew them "then."

The German Higher Command immediately concluded that an invasion of the Fatherland was intended. They moved large forces of German troops to various coastal centres to be in readiness to repel the threat.

## Gilbertian Situation

Then the plot thickened still further. Our own Army Intelligence, which was of course perfectly water-tight, and had no truck at all with the Navy's similar staff, heard about these ominous German coastal moves, and jumped at once to the thrilling conclusion that Germany intended to invade this country! All troop movements from this country to France were stopped at once, and our home defence forces concentrated at strategic positions in East Anglia to be in readiness to meet the coming German landing.

It was some time before the truth leaked out officially and the story had never been made public until Major-General Swinton's admirable review told it in full.

This is a fair sample of the absorbing interest with which this publication is compact, and explains why, in my opinion, the future historian of whom we hear so much will pass over all the literary War books to quarry in the authentic matter-of-fact gold mine. The literary men in buckram will not interest posterity. Future students of the Great War will prefer Major-General Swinton's plain, unvarnished tale.

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focus their attention on the North Sea, Russian transports, at a time when our Channel transports and supplies were only too vulnerable to attack. The myth spread beyond its inventors' most sanguine expectations.

These are intimate glimpses into the realities, as apart from the mawkish romance of battle, murder, and sudden death. But what drew me to this subject was a most revealing, and, though quite matter-of-fact, and most thrilling, chapter on spies and intelligence. I have space to deal with only one detail in this thrilling revelation of the brains behind the fighting men.

Everybody remembers that amazing Russian myth which was the gossip of the whole country early in the war. I suppose there never was a more startling example of mass hypnosis. Everybody believed that thousands of Russian troops from Archangel were passing in troop trains from Scotland right through England to embark for some Continental rendezvous. What is more, innumerable truthful people firmly persuaded themselves that they had actually seen them with their own eyes. The most circumstantial details were current.

## The Plain Unvarnished Truth

Suburban residents glimpsed the Russian fur caps at train windows. Railway porters were seen brushing up the snow from the Russians' boots! The exact number of railway station automatic machines that were out of order, owing to the Russians trying to push kopeks instead of pennies into the slots, was forthcoming. These are only a few of the authentic details, that clinched the great Russian myth of 1914.

Now let us have the plain unvarnished truth. It is almost more fantastic than the myth.

The Russian hoax was the invention of two naval officers employed in Admiralty Intelligence in Whitehall. They spread the story in the Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton, der to get the German Admiralty to

In a corner of my study are substantial shelves containing perhaps fifty or sixty volumes, all of which are War books. It is my private conviction that there is no other collection of books of this kind, and my collection, let me assure you, omits none which has any real pretension to distinction. All of them have merit, some great merit, and most are interesting, but not one seems to me fully adequate to its theme. The majority when one comes to size them up, are quite disappointing.

My theory is that the wrong people have written our War books. Nearly everybody of military age was engaged in some capacity in the 1914-18 business, and of course the people with literary leanings, if, as often happened, they managed to survive, wrote a book about it. But the very last type of mentality to produce a really good book about the Great War is the literary person. He is much too self-conscious, far too intent on getting his literary effects, and, above all, entirely too emotionally flamboyant. The right man to undertake a War book is a bona-fide soldier.

## Twenty Years After

Not necessarily a professional soldier, but a man with the genuine hard-boiled campaigner's outlook and angle of life. Take an instance in point. Innumerable writers have published books about the French Foreign Legion. But, having read them all, I have no hesitation in saying that the only one of real genius is Frederic Martyn's "Life in the Legion." Most of the others, even some of the most successful, merely exploit his superb but absolutely unself-conscious human document. Frederic Martyn was a soldier, with experience of the British Army, both as a commissioned officer and in the ranks. He tells the story of the Legion Ettranger as it actually is, without any sentimental or emotional garnishings, and his straightforward, matter-of-fact recital makes the twopenny-coloured romances of the literary genre book like a Christmas supplement.

What is true in this particular case is even more true of the books about the Great War. The long-haired, temperamental literary blokes dip their pens in earthquake and eclipse, and pile on the agony, but for the most part they completely fail to capture the true high lights and low shades of the Great War. From the point of view of the front-line fighting man, by far the most satisfactory publication that has been printed about the 1914-1918 adventure is the illustrated review, "Twenty Years After," which has appeared in weekly numbers edited by the very distinguished, and level-headed soldier, Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton, der to get the German Admiralty to

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"Armando and I had to stay all night at an inn."  
(Posed by Cary Grant, Irene Dunne and Alexander D'Arcy.)

you ever get days when you want to walk out of your office and look up the kind of people you used to chase around with before you were married?"

"But when you feel like going on a tear," Frank said, "why don't you take Lucy with you?"

Jerry shook his head. "No, Lucy would be like my old gang. She's not much of a mixer, you know. She's particular who she knows, hardly ever takes a drink — who's so damn proper. She'd think they were pretty rough."

Frank shook his head. "You're a fool if I ever saw one. You have the most perfect wife any man ever had and —"

"I know it," Jerry interrupted. "Lucy's perfect. Too perfect. Her behavior is always correct, her perfection is unquestioned." Jerry sighed. "Sometimes I wish she'd be a little human for a change."

Frank laughed. "I'll remember that," he said.

"You have a fat chance. She just sits around and waits for me to come home. Makes me feel like a rat."

"Maybe you are one," Frank said. "Anyhow, what about stopping off at my house when you get through here for a cocktail. The Barnabys and Viola Heath are going to be there."

"I have amuch better idea. Let's pick up the gang and bring them all over to surprise Lucy."

But Lucy wasn't at home when Jerry and the crowd arrived to surprise her.

"Never mind. She'll probably be along before we finish our cocktails," Jerry said. "She probably ran up to her Aunt Patsy's cabin. She usually does if she gets lonely."

At that moment the hall door opened and Lucy Warriner came in. Tall, slender and graceful, with a strikingly vivacious face and a ready smile, Lucy was decidedly ornamental, especially in the evening wrap and the clinging gown she was wearing. She ran to Jerry with open arms. "Darling!" he cried. "Jerry took her in his arms and kissed her. "Yes, it's good to see you," he said. Then he looked over Lucy's shoulder toward the door.

(To be continued.)

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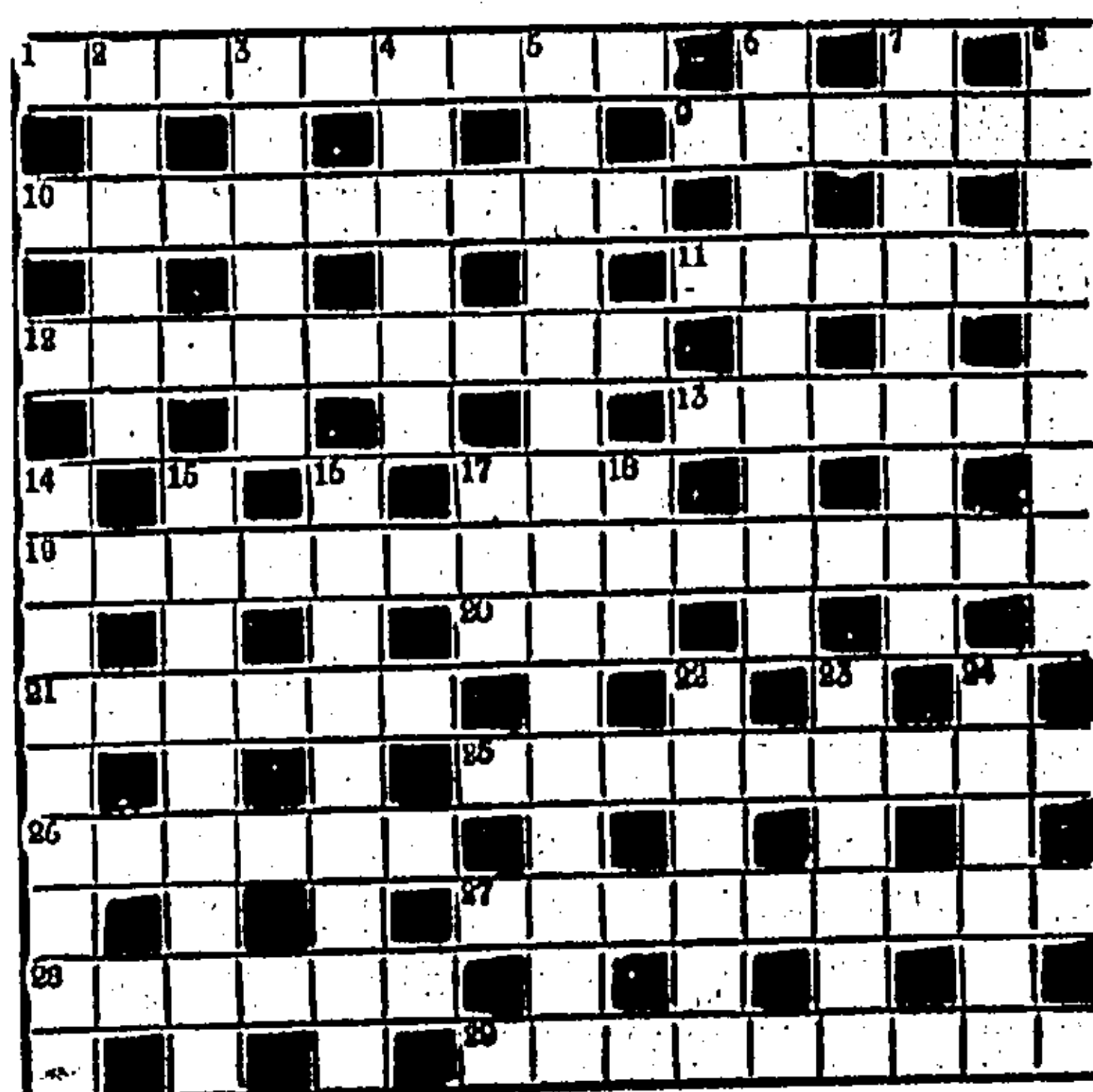
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- 11 This gas has light properties (6).
- 12 This can be obtained from Walmer now (9).
- 13 Go to mend (6).
- 14 A modern enthusiast (3).
- 15 This describes repeated cheers (three words—5, 5, 5).
- 20 Part of a forget-me-not (3).
- 21 A time of importance? (6).
- 25 You should see soldiers still at this (9).
- 26 A man in the last stage of his life (6).
- 27 Fighting was his profession (9).
- 28 One stage in the production of a photograph (6).
- 29 "Angry head" (anag.) (9).

## DOWN

- 2 A bore often makes a hearer this (6).
- 3 Crime (6).
- 4 The typical wise old man (6).
- 5 Painters in a certain medium agree in character (15).
- 6 A story with a strange commencement (9).
- 7 Game for one (9).
- 8 English town popular with traders (9).

- 14 This kind of taxation is carried on only under pressure (9).
- 15 Suitable chemical for building a parapet round a well? (9).
- 16 The opposite of a salient (9).
- 17 Tree (3).
- 18 Used by fishermen and in many games (6).
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## TERRIBLE BATTLE LOSSES

Roads Choked With Chinese Wounded

Taiherwang, Apr. 25.  
Japanese troops, attacking on the whole of the Linyi and Yihien sector, have swung their heaviest units against General Yu Houch-chung's "Sons of Manchuria" and against General Sun Lien-chung's troops along the railway.  
Shells are pounding back and forth between the mountains, and the artillery duels illuminate the night sky.  
The Chinese have withdrawn slightly and the Japanese are within eight miles of Taiherwang. Artillery has destroyed the village which housed Chinese units.  
As the Chinese withdraw the Japanese infantry advanced. The Chinese infantry immediately closed and drew their long swords, whereupon the Japanese infantry retreated.  
All roads to Taiherwang are choked full of wounded and trains to Hsuehwei are growing death houses. The Chinese attempted a luring defence to give the troops from the west an opportunity to close in, shut up and wipe out the Japanese force which is attempting to take Taiherwang, but this failed in its full accomplishment.  
The Japanese are bringing reinforcements from Shanghai and Shantung, and not from Japan. This is dangerous and it may bring for them a very big surprise. Over 30 Chinese divisions are in Shantung, which presages the most important operation of the war to date.—United Press.

## EGYPT'S TARIFFS NOT POPULAR WITH BRITAIN

Cairo, Apr. 24.  
The British Embassy has handed to the Egyptian Government a note expressing the British Government's serious misgivings regarding the increases in tariffs on cotton, piece goods and yarns, instituted on April 11.  
The note declares that Britain considers the tariffs may further damage trade between Lancashire and Egypt.—Reuter.

## ANZAC DAY MARKED

This being Anzac Day, members of the local Australian and New Zealand Association paid tribute to the war dead this morning by laying wreaths at the Cenotaph.  
Dr. L. T. Ride, President, Mr. R. J. McNeill, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. C. E. Dudley, who was in the Gallipoli landing and Mr. J. L. Anderson laid wreaths for the Association and for "Fallen Comrades." Private wreaths were also laid.

## BARON GOWRIE ADMIRES DUTCH

Amsterdam, Apr. 24.  
Baron Gowrie, Governor-General of Australia, arrived here to-day and is proceeding to London to-morrow. In an interview he expressed admiration for Dutch colonial work, and said that Australo-Dutch East Indian commercial relations were growing, and a still further expansion was expected in the interests of both countries.—Reuter.

## Japan Plans Exploitation Of China On Large Scale

Separate Companies For Variety Of Industries

Peiping, Apr. 25.  
Experts connected with the Japanese army headquarters have predicted the formation of seven subsidiaries of the gigantic North China Development Company, for the purpose of carrying out systematic exploitation of the natural resources in North China.  
They said that the subsidiaries would assume control of transportation, harbour development, telephone, telegraph, electric power, iron and coal mining, and salt production. It is indicated that Japanese companies would be incorporated under "Chinese law."  
The observers said that both Chinese and Japanese would subscribe to the capital.  
It is said that the projected system of subsidiary firms was necessary for the co-ordinated development of various resources.—United Press.  
Experts said official control would not be limited to matters relating to production but they would also consider distribution and sales.  
They said that the question of competition with similar industries in Japan and Manchukuo would receive attention. Certain territorial price agreements with Japanese and Manchukuo firms would become necessary.  
They said that the subsidiaries would probably be formed soon after the ¥300,000,000 North China Development Company was formally organized, and after the terms of the bill had been approved by the Japanese Diet during its last session.  
Baron Selensky, Co. President of the Japan Economic Federation, recently accepted the chairmanship of the organization committee of the new firm.—United Press.

## Pacification Parley

Japanese Concerned For Welfare Of New Government

Peiping, Apr. 25.  
A conference of all Japanese pacification officers, and also Japanese advisers to all the Hsien magistrates, assembled here yesterday under the auspices of General Kitta's special Military Affairs Bureau, presumably to discuss ways and means of more effectively converting the Chinese populace to accept the Provisional Government rule.  
One officer said that 20 officials had been killed by plain-clothesmen during the past few months, and many were privately expressing a desire to return to their safer and better paid jobs in Manchukuo.  
The Yung Pao says that the Provisional Government is shortly appointing a Governor in Shansi. The paper predicts that Sui Tu-yun is one of the most likely candidates for the position.—United Press.

## BROKE JAW BOARDING BUS

According to a police report, Jora Singh, 35, private watchman, was taken to hospital yesterday with a broken jaw, sustained when he attempted to board a moving bus in Ma Tau Wei, Kowloon. The report adds that Singh was found by the police in a lane behind a house in Nathan Road.

## JAPANESE UNIT WIPED OUT

Costly Defeat On Hwai River

Hsuehwei, April 25.  
More than 1,000 Japanese troops, who managed to cross the Hwai River in the vicinity of Hsuehwei to the north bank, were surrounded by a force of 2,000 Chinese and completely wiped out after a fierce struggle early yesterday morning.  
Hundreds of Japanese corpses, which the retreating invaders failed to take away, littered the battlefield. Quantities of ammunition and military supplies, including large stores of provisions, were seized by the Chinese forces.  
Important military documents and three flags were also among the spoils of war.  
Most of the Japanese soldiers taken prisoner by the Chinese have committed suicide. Only two, who were willing to surrender, have been marched to the concentration camp.  
The Japanese forces, who crossed the Hwai River on April 21 at the time when fighting in south Shantung was at a critical stage, managed to maintain their foothold on the north bank for three days until they were routed yesterday.—Central News.

## FILIPINO PRESS PARTY VISITS CHINA CITIES

Changsha, April 25.  
Filipino war correspondents, who arrived in Canton recently from Manila, via Hongkong, reached Changsha by the Canton-Hankow railway, after which they were the guests of honour at a reception given by General Chang Chih-chung, chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government.  
After inspecting Changsha, the party proceeded to Hunkow and on Tuesday will seek an interview with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.—United Press.

## Refugees Pour Into Peiping

Peiping, Apr. 25.  
Scores of refugees have poured into Peiping during the past two days, following a guerrilla attack on April 22 a few miles west of Mentoukou. The refugees report that fighting was serious until the Japanese garrison of 100 men was reinforced by 200 men yesterday morning, when the guerrilla forces retired into the mountains.—United Press.

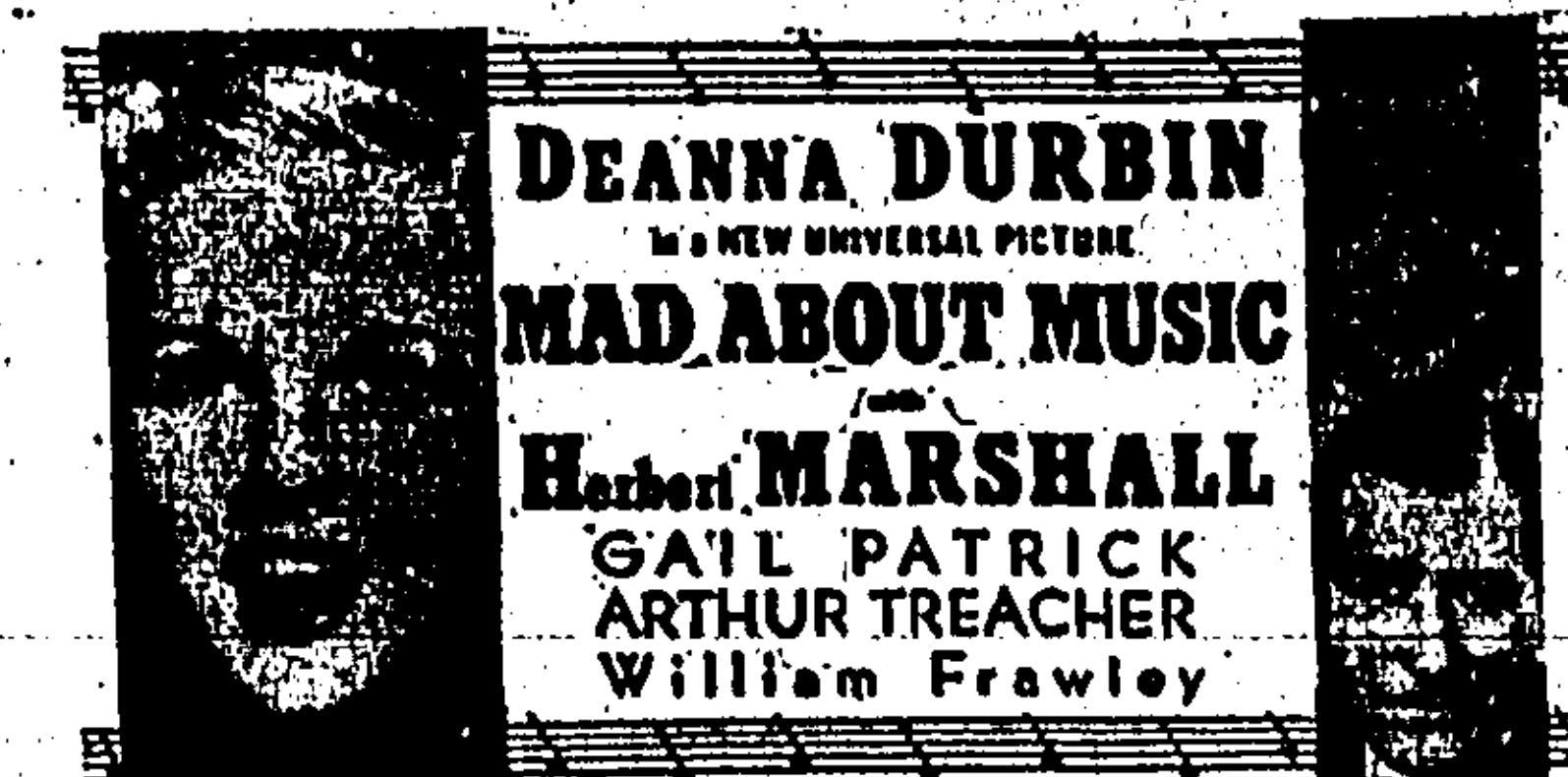
## MILITARY POLICE OFFICER ROBBED

Corporal Anderson, of the Military Police, yesterday visited the Civilian Police. Corporal Anderson came on business. He reported the larceny from his barrack-room at Mt. Austin Barracks of personal clothing to the value of \$50.  
Two other Europeans were victimized during the week-end.  
Mr. T. S. Morrison, 449 The Peak, reported that his premises were entered by unknown persons, who decamped with a watch and chain and other property to the value of \$100.  
Mr. Churcher, of No. 6 Bungalow, Shekko, reported the theft of a bathing costume.

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